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TWO MURDER TRIALS

Eddie Cook at Havana Hopes to Escape the Gallows.

MISS MINNIE BENNETT THE VICTIM.

Trial Recalls the Sad Death of a Marca Young Girl — Doctor in the Case Committed Suicide —Case at Pekin.

In the circuit court at Havana, Mason county, today before Judge Lacey, is to begin the second trial of Eddie Cook of Logan county, for the murder of Miss Minnie Bennett, a beautiful young woman, of Marca, death occurring in May, 1895. The attorneys and all the witnesses in the case are at Havana.

A. L. Anderson, state's attorney of Logan county, will conduct the prosecution. He will be assisted by State's Attorney Murdock, of Mason county, and State's Attorney Fuller of DeWitt county. The defense will be represented by Beach & Hodnett of Lincoln, and A. J. Barr of Bloomington.

The Crime.

Eddie Cook, a young man of unsavory character, was indicted for the murder of Minnie Bennett by abortion in the May term of the Logan county court in 1895, and was tried in the September term following. He was convicted and was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years. At this trial two important witnesses for the state, R. N. Dills and wife of Atlanta, were absent and the state asked for a continuance on that ground, but the defense were anxious for trial and admitted by written agreement that Dills and his wife would testify that they had seen Eddie Cook and Minnie Bennett in the office of Dr. B. F. Gardner, jr., of Atlanta, and by agreement this matter went to the jury. Judge Epler, who presided at the trial, allowed the state to prove the suicide of Dr. B. F. Gardiner, jr., when he was summoned to appear before the grand jury. After the verdict Judge Epler granted a new trial to Cook because he made the error of allowing the evidence of Gardner's suicide, and hence the second trial.

Now the prosecution to save further expense to the county are asking a trial and the defense will probably ask for a continuance.

The presence of Dills and his wife is exceedingly problematical and the prosecution may have to go to trial without either their evidence or their admissions. These difficulties, as will be readily seen, render another conviction exceedingly doubtful. Dills and his wife have been acting in a very mysterious manner ever since they were first wanted. The case has already cost Logan county a large sum of money.

The suicide of Dr. Gardner seriously and tragically complicated matters, and probably removed an important witness.

G. W. Smith at Pekin.

A jury has been secured at Pekin for the trial of George W. Smith for the murder of Lewis Perrill, his brother-in-law, in July, 1895. The witnesses will not be permitted to hear each other testify in advance.

Complimentary Ball.

The complimentary ball given at Guards' Armory last night for Prof. R. B. Leonard who is in Virginia under medical treatment, was quite largely attended and netted the professor a neat sum. The members of Goodman's orchestra volunteered music and the dancers had special inspiration for tripping the light fantastic.

Rehearsal To-Night.

The management state that promptly at 7:30 this evening at the Harwood residence the circle for the minstrel performance will be formed. It is especially desired that all of the young men be in attendance promptly on time.

The musical to be given by Mrs. D. W. Hellman at her home on West Decatur street, will begin at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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TURKS AND GREEKS.

The Sultan Believes that a Friendly Power is in the Deal.

PROSPECTS ARE FOR A BIG SCRAP.

Action of Turkish Council at Constantinople—A Few Days May Bring More Startling Developments in Europe.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The council of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers and adopt military measures on the Greek frontier. The latter, however, is purely for defensive purposes to enable Turkey to be prepared for all eventualities. The sultan informed the ambassadors that this action was necessary in view of the aggressive attitude of Greece. The sultan expressed his satisfaction at the occupation of Canea by the powers. In spite of the peaceful outlook it is known that it required much tact on the part of ambassadors to prevail on the porte to accept the situation after the landing of Greek troops in Crete. Anti-Turkish manifestations are reported at different points in Thessaly, shots having been fired and Turkish frontier guards wounded. The sultan seems to consider that Greece would not have acted so defiantly without having at least one powerful friend behind her. This feature has had a calming effect upon the Turks who see in the abandonment of Crete to Greece possible escape from more important changes in the map of the Turkish empire.

A Warning.

Canea, Feb. 17.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press)—A joint note by the commanders of the foreign warships here was sent to the Greek consul to the effect that any attack on Canea, Retimo, Herakliou or Sita will be repelled by the warships. This caused some alarm in Greek circles, but it is not believed that it signifies anything more serious than warning Christians and Greeks to cease fighting while the powers seek to reach a definite understanding regarding the future of Crete. It is still believed that the powers will sanction the Greek annexation of Crete.

May Kill the Sultan.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—A placard was posted in the mosques demanding the sultan's death.

GROVER CONFRONTS CONDITION

His Obstinacy as to the Cuban Question Has Put Him in a Humiliating Position

Washington, Feb. 17.—Everybody is laughing at the funny position in which the highest law officers of the government have been placed in their efforts to punish the owners and officers of the filibustering steamer Three Friends. A broad grin went around the supreme court yesterday afternoon when Attorney General Harmon and his assistant, Mr. Whitney, began their argument for a writ of certiorari to transfer the case, which was decided against the government, to the court of appeals.

The government is put in the singular position of refusing to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents, to say nothing of acknowledging the independence of the Cuban republic, but at the same time to secure a conviction under the neutrality laws the attorney general is forced to contend that the United States has already recognized the fact that a state of war exists in Cuba.

In view of the fact that congress has passed a resolution recognizing the Cubans as belligerents and this resolution was openly ignored and scoffed at by the president, it was funny for the attorney general, who is a member of the cabinet, to come into court, as he did yesterday, and plead that the president's message to congress was to all intents and purposes a public recognition of the fact that war existed in the island of Cuba. Under the statute passed away back in 1818, following upon the war with Great Britain, it is clearly intended to forbid giving aid and comfort by means of an armed force to one or two belligerents.

The president has persistently declined to acknowledge the fact that anything more than a condition of riots exists in the island of Cuba. The judge in the lower court held that, as belligerency was not recognized, the owner and master of the Three Friends could not be prosecuted for violation of the neutrality laws, as that vessel at best was only attempting to evade a local customs regulation of the island of Cuba which forbade the importation of arms.

No evidence was adduced in the lower court to show that the vessel itself was armed for the purpose of attacking Spanish property, or even that the arms and ammunition it carried were particularly intended for the use of the Cubans. A verdict against the government was therefore rendered, and the administration found itself confronted with the fact that, according to the decision of the lower court, no filibustering expedition could be punished, and, in fact, not even prevented.

It has, therefore, come about that while President Cleveland has ignored all resolutions in congress and has given notice through his secretary of state that he will continue to ignore them, his attorney general was forced yesterday to plead that the Cuban insurgents were belligerents within the meaning of the law, and inferentially that the republic of Cuba is an established government.

Cubans Have the Best of It.

The Cuban sympathizers here say that they have the administration on the hip, and that if the supreme court should decide that the president's message is a sufficient recognition of belligerency they will at once take steps in the courts to protect themselves and also to prevent the shipment of arms from the United States for the use of the Spanish forces.

The statement has recently been made that all the defensive material of the celebrated trocha has been imported from the United States, and the open purchase by Spain of armed launches in this country for use in Cuba is admitted.

Some representatives of the department of justice are laughing in their sleeves at the predicament of the attorney general, and they say that, while he is ostensibly fighting in the interests of Spain, he is seeking to procure a decision by the supreme court recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents. These lawyers say that if this decision of the court of last appeal is published filibustering expeditions may be fitted out openly in any part of the United States, and, if interfered with, they will be enabled to sue and recover heavy damages. In other wors, if the attorney general is right in his present contention the supreme court will be forced to grant all belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents in spite of President Cleveland's refusal to do this very thing.

It is said that this curious condition of affairs has been called to the attention of the cabinet, and that within a day or two the attorney general will receive a tip to drop the Three Friends case entirely, more especially as it is a settled belief among the members of the present administration that scarcely thirty days will elapse after the inauguration President McKinley before the Cuban insurgents are granted all the rights for which they have been contending in vain under the present administration.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Bills Introduced in the Senate and House at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—In the senate Dunlap introduced a bill providing for assessments to be made on the fair cash value of property and that ten per cent thereof be used as a basis of taxation. Dunlap also introduced a bill providing that the executive committee of the state horticultural society make a study and report ways and means to prevent the spread and introduction of the San Jose scale insect, recently discovered by the state entomologist, one of the most dreadful fruit pests in the country.

Other bills introduced were: By Humphrey, to establish a commission for the regulation and running of cars on street and elevated railroads. It provides that they shall pay in counties with less than 200,000 population $500 per mile for each mile of streets or highway occupied and three per cent of the gross earnings in lieu of all taxes, one-third to go to the state, the remainder to the municipality.

By Aspinwall; compelling children between 7 and 14 to attend school sixteen weeks in the year.

The bill authorizing the governor to borrow $250,000 to meet state expenses, passed with the emergency clause. Adjourned.

In the house numerous petitions for suffrage from women suffrage sections were received and referred. Fuller introduced a bill for the creation of a board of pardons in conformity with the ideas of the governor. Merriam and Revell introduced bills providing for executing all death sentences in the penitentiary.

Other bills introduced: By Salmans, to abolish the grand jury; by Craig, bill declaring the failure of township assessors to assess property at a fair cash value a misdemeanor. Adjourned.

Rolled Stones Down Upon the Soldiers.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Feb. 17.—Juan Coronado and his notorious band of brigands have been committing many depredations in the vicinity of Huenitan, this state, recently. A detachment of soldiers went in pursuit of the band, and while the soldiers were passing through a deep ravine the bandits rolled huge stones down upon them. Two of the soldiers were crushed to death. The soldiers made a desperate fight and killed Coronado.

GOT HIS DIVORCE.

Celebrated Case Up in the Circuit Court at Monticello.

STORY OF A PREACHER'S TROUBLE.

Infidelity was the Ground on Which the Decree was Granted—Parties Implicated in the Litigation Which Has Been Pending Since 1895.

Monticello, Ill., Feb. 17.—The famous Gibson divorce case terminated in the circuit court by the plaintiff Gibson securing the decree for which he sued. The complainant, who is a minister, alleged infidelity on the part of the wife and proved it.

It developed that while Rev. Gibson was at Johnstown, Pa., in the fall of 1895, engaged in a revival meeting, his wife addressed him a registered letter from Girard, Ill., the home of her parents, (D. C. Ashbaugh's), telling him of what she had done; that she felt that she must confess it, as she did not believe she would live long; that she had always intended to confess before she died, praying his forgiveness, hoping he would not utterly despise her, etc. She seemed to feel that she was not fit to live with him, or believed that he would take that view of the matter. She said she would bury herself in some large city and for him to forget her and go on with his work.

This limited knowledge of the case did not suit Mr. Gibson, as he felt that he must know more of the particulars, especially who was the man in the case, so he dropped his meetings and hastened back to Ashbaugh's near Girard, where he learned that Mrs. Gibson's parents had known of her conduct for some time, but did not know who her companion was. They had done their best to dissuade her from confessing to her husband, but in vain. Mr. Gibson soon traced her to Chicago. Mrs. Gibson soon learned through her parents that Mr. Gibson knew she was in Chicago and began writing appeals to her husband for sympathy and forgiveness, but still concealing her location.

Gibson went in search of his erring wife in Chicago, and after three weeks, found her in a hotel. The episode was sensational, and was written up by the Chicago papers graphically. Gibson soon learned upon finding her that the man who had been her guilty partner was John S. Kuns of Cerro Gordo. She so confessed and subsequent developments have tended to substantiate it. The wronged husband made nothing public at the time, but quietly left and went over to Indiana and continued his evangelistic work.

Letters from his recreant spouse begging him to come to her or let her go to him still followed, but without effect.

In January last, Mr. Gibson brought suit for divorce, naming John S. Kuns as co-respondent. Charges were made at the time that the case was brought for the purpose of blackmail, and at the same time Mrs. Gibson ceased her loving epistles and opened up her vials of wrath upon her unforgiving husband. When it was charged, however, that she was in league with her husband, Mrs. Gibson made an affidavit, in which she confessed her guilt with Kuns.

Resources of Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 17.—United States Consul Pulaski F. Hyatt of Santiago de Cuba, has made an interesting report to the state department on the resources of Cuba. Although founded and settled more than fifty years before the United States, Cuba has still 13,000,000 acres of primeval forests where the woodman's ax has never been heard. The forests are timbered, besides other woods, with mahogany, cedar, logwood redwood, ebony, lignum-vitae and ciaguaran, the latter being more durable in the ground than iron or steel. The island has already produced in a single year for export 11,000,000 tons of sugar, while its capabilities have only been in the experimental stage.

Cuba takes great pride in the quality of her coffee, and until the rebellion of 1868 she raised a large quantity for export. Tropical fruits, such as oranges, lemons, pineapples, mangoes, guava, tamarinds, and many fruits with a local value, but too short lived for export, are here entirely at home, and never catch the unlooked for frosts, as so frequently happens in Florida. These fruits are indigenous to the soil, and require but little labor to make them grow successfully. The cereal crops never have and probably never will have, a profitable cultivation on this island. Corn is raised on a small scale, while wheat and oats are never grown at all. No flour mill exists on the island.

The iron mines of Cube, all of which are located near Santiago, overshadow in importance all other industries on the eastern end of the island, constituting the only industry that has made any pretense of standing up against the shock of the present insurrection.

The Juragua and Daluirt Iron companies (American), with a combined capital of over $5,000,000, now operate mines in this vicinity, and employ from 800 to 1400 men, shipping to the United States from 30,000 to 50,000 tons of iron ore per month, the largest portion of which is used at Bethlehem, Steelton, Sparrows' Point and Pittsburg. The ore of these mines is among the richest in the world, yielding from 63 to 67 per cent of pure iron, and is free from sulphur and phosphorus. There are numbers of undeveloped mines of equal richness and value in this region.

GRAIN INSPECTOR INVESTIGATED.

Chicago Office Ordered to Make Good a Sum Due the State.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—The railroad and warehouse commission has been making an investigation of the grain inspector's office at Chicago. When the department was turned over to the Altgeld administration four years ago there was $63,000 in the treasury. The new railroad board, appointed by Governor Tanner, upon assuming charge of the grain office, found the sum of $17,000 to be due to the state. Dwight W. Andrews, chief grain inspector, at once paid $5000 of this amount and asked for twenty-four hours in which to raise the balance. This was a week ago. Yesterday Mr. Andrews paid $3000, leaving $9000 still due. Mr. Noble, the new chief grain inspector, was informed that $4800 of the amount was invested in the business of ex-Chief Grain Inspector Bunker, and an effort was made to induce Mr. Noble to accept notes of Bunker's company as collateral. This Noble refused to do.

Unless Mr. Andrews makes good the shortage within a day or two suit will be brought against him for the recovery of the amount. The new commissioners found that the pay rolls of the grain inspection department have been enormously stuffed. The pay rolls for October, November and December amounted to $16,000. The pay rolls for these months have heretofore amounted to less than $9000.

Commissioners Rannells and Bidwell are in Chicago, looking after the matter, while Commissioner Cicero J. Lindley is here in consultation with the governor.

Fighting in the Philippines.

Madrid, Feb. 17.—According to a dispatch received here from Manila severe fighting has taken place between the Spanish troops and the insurgents of the Philippine Islands. The Spaniards, it is stated, have captured at the point of the bayonet the intrenched insurgents' positions on the Ymus road. It is added that 400 insurgents were killed and the Spaniards lost twenty-six men killed and sixty wounded. The naval commander of the Philippine Islands telegraphs that he has bombarded the coasts in the vicinity of the seaport town of Cavite, a fortified city of the island of Luzon, ten miles from Manila, destroying the trenches and inflicting severe losses upon the enemy.

Eloped After Ten Year's Courtship.

Wabash, Ind., Feb. 17.—An elopement is the subject of all gossip in Rochester. The principals are Miss Mary Caffyn, the daughter of Charles F. Caffyn, a grain dealer of that place, and Elbert Ewalt, of Chili, a silversmith by trade. Ten years ago he was employed at Rochester and formed the acquaintance of Miss Caffyn. It appears that he has since been courting her without the knowledge of her parents. Last Thursday she left home, stating that she would soon return, but refusing to announce her destination. The next heard of her was when she sent a telegram notifying her relatives of her marriage to Mr. Ewalt. The groom is 28 years old and a widower.

Arizona Train Robber Captured.

Kingman, Ariz., Feb. 17.—Deputy Sheriff Bougett of Williams, captured James Parker, the Nelson train robber, twenty miles north of Peach Springs, late Monday afternoon. When overtaken he was wading in the middle of Diamond Creek, and offered no resistance. The bandit was completely worn out. His feet had been frozen and were badly blistered. He said he had been without food for fifty hours. The posse arrived in Peach Springs with the prisoner and will take him to Prescott for trial. The penalty for train robbery in Arizona is death.

Prices to Go Up.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—The Republic says the Edison general electric, the Westinghouse electric and other large companies manufacturing incandescent lamps, have pooled the incandescent patent with a view of advancing prices, freezing out small concerns.

Receiver Appointed.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Feb. 17.—A receiver has been appointed for the Auburn Wagon Works at Martinsburgh. The liabilities are $130,000; assets, $65,000.

CAPITAL NEWS.

Preparations for the Brilliant Inauguration on March 4th.

BIG M'KINLEY AND HOBART PARADE.

The Usual Democratic Howl About Appropriations Bobs Up—Possibility of Increase of Revenue Tax from 50 Cents to $50 on Thousand.

Washington, Feb. 16.—(From our regular correspondent.)—Inauguration echoes are now heard wherever one turns in Washington. Work upon the street stands from which a portion of the spectators will view the parade, which promises to be the handsomest, if not the largest, ever seen, has been started, and the inauguration committe has begun the distribution of 50,000 paper flags and 15,000 portraits of McKinley and Hobart, to be used by the residents along the route of the parade to assist in decorating their houses. These are given away by the committee. So general is the sentiment in favor of having the West Point and Annapolis cadets take part in the parade that it seems probable the joint resolution, offered in the senate by Mr. Frye, and in the house of representatives by Mr. Baker, of New Hampshire, requesting the president to order the cadets and their bands to Washington and appropriating the money to pay their expenses, will go through. It is known that Mr. Cleveland favors having the cadets in the parade and that he will gladly issue the order if congress will adopt the resolution.

The Democrats are beginning their howl about the total amount of the appropriations that will be made by the Fifty-fourth congress. It is true that the total of the appropriations for the two years will exceed $1,000,000,000, but the Democrats would show more wisdom if they would point out a single appropriation made, or to be made in the short time remaining of the session, that is not needed, or that the government will not get full value for, instead of yelling "extravagant appropriations" like a lot of parrots. The senate is not a Republican body—would that it were—yet it has not only approved all of the appropriations made by the house, but has in nearly every bill increased them. Besides, it should not be forgotten that a considerable amount of money appropriated by this congress was made necessary by continuing the contracts made by the last Democratic congress for river and harbor improvements, public buildings and the increase of the navy. Chairman Cannon, of the house committee on appropriations, correctly stated the situation when he said that contracts previously made had to be reserved; that congress could not allow unfinished public buildings to remain exposed in all kinds of weather, and that the pension laws could not be ignored. In short, that no appropriations have been made that were not necessary for the conduct of the government and the preservation of its interests. Mr. Cannon's idea of economy in public expenditures are so urged that he has offended many personal friends by refusing to sanction propositions for appropriations which have come before his committee. There is no item in any appropriation made by the fifty fourth congress that any Republican need be ashamed of; the appropriations are all needed and the money is all to be spent among the people and for the people.

It is about settled that the arbitration treaty will not be voted upon at this session, but will go over to the extra session of the senate, that will meet March 4th, and remain in session until the extra session of the full congress meets. This has been made necessary by the opposition to the treaty in the senate.

Representative Woodman, of Illinois, has asked the house ways and means committee to increase the revenue tax on cigarettess from 50 cents to $50 a thousand. Mr. Woodman's object is to stop the smoking of cigarettes by children, which he says is "a habit which is destroying our youth, filling our insane asylums and shrouding in gloom, by the destruction, mentally, morally and physically of their young sons, many of the best homes of our land." Mr. Woodman said in his speech to the committee: "As long as boys can buy the death dealing article at a cent apiece or two for a cent, so long will the evil continue. When they are taxed so as to produce a larger revenue, which tax will place them out of the reach of school children, then Mr. Chairman, we may look for a mitigation of the evil. Then may we look for a protection that protects. Then may we congratulate ourselves on having performed one act the results of which the whole nation, with one accord, will approve."

Representative White of Chicago, made quite a stir at the last meeting of the house committee on public buildings and grounds by charging that the insertion of the name of ex-Mayor Grant of N. Y., a son-in-law of Senator Murphy, is one of the five commissioners provided for in the bill for the new New York custom house, and of one of the other commissioners, was the result of a deal. The commissioners are to get $5000 a year and no limit is set to the time they are to take for the sale of the present custom house and the erection of the proposed new one. The bill is now before the committee on account of amendments added by the senate, one of which is Mr. Grant's name. Mr. White wants to strike out the commission entirely.

THOUSANDS OF MEN SHUT OUT.

Chicago Tanneries Close Their Doors Against Striking Employes.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Two thousand tanners and curriers, employes of half a dozen big tanneries in this city, were locked out this morning till the trouble between Eisdreth & Co. and their employes who struck yesterday, is settled. The strike and lockout is the result of the general reduction in wages of ten to twenty per cent by local tanneries and increased working hours from eight to ten per day. Other tanneries are expected to follow and by tomorrow nearly every tannery in the city will be closed.

Impressive Funeral of Joe Shelby.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—The funeral of General Joe Shelby today was the most imposing ever held here. At 10 o'clock the body was removed from the government building where it lay in state since Tuesday to the third regiment armory. Thousands of people lined the steets and the armory was crowded. Places were reserved for 2000 veterans of both armies.

Governor Stevens and staff, many federal and confederate officers occupied places of prominence. The casket rested on a platform imbedded in palms and flowers, flanked by artillery and surrounded by stacked arms. Rev. S. M. Neill, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, preached the sermon and Judge Phillips of the United States court, delivered an address. The body was accompanied to the cemetery by a great military and civic procession, and deposited in a receiving vault temporarily.

Death of Gen. Pleasanton.

Washington, Feb. 17.—General Alfred Pleasanton, one of the most distinguished cavalry commanders of the late war, died this morning.

For a number of years he lived almost a hermit's life in Washington, denying himself to all, save from most intimate friends. He felt the government had not sufficiently recognized his distinguished services in retiring him with the rank of major of the regular army after he had been brigadier general in the volunteer service. Dropsy and the effect of the wounds, age and grip caused his death. He served in both the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion and was honored for distinguished gallantry.

Body Found in the Ohio.

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—Albert R. Griffith, aged 62, said to be a cousin of General Ulysses S. Grant, was found floating in the Ohio river yesterday. He had been missing from the C. F. Adams company, where he was employed, since last Friday. The only indication of foul play was that his pockets were turned inside out. He had formerly been an engineer on river stemboats.

Did Not Appeal for Trial.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—General Carlos of the Cuban junta in New York, failed to appear this morning to plead to the indictment in the federal court on the charge of fitting out filibustering expeditions to Cuba. His bond was forfeited. He is liable to arrest wherever found. His colleague, Dr. Luis, plead not guilty, and was released on bail pending trial.

Major McKinley Much Better.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 17.—Dr. Phillips was much pleased with the improvements in Major McKinley's condition this morning. He is decidedly better and will probably be able to drive out this afternoon. He will not, however, receive callers or do any work this week.

The Woollington Case.

The trial of Ote Woollington, who is charged with murder, will probably take place the first of next week. The prisoner was taken from the county jail in this city to Monticello last night. The attorneys for the defense are not yet ready for the case and it will probably not come up before next week. Attorney Hicks of Monticello, and Attorney John Fitzgerald, of this city, will defend Woollington, and Judge Reed will assist the states' attorney. The trial will be a hard fought one.

The plan of reserved seats for the Washington birthday benefit performance will be open tomorrow morning at the opera house drug store. There are three boxes still for sale.

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SCREEN FOR SICK ROOM.

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For the especial delectation of those who must stay in bed much of the time, there is a screen made which not only shuts off dangerous draughts and curious eyes, but has receptacles for many of the trifles necessary for the invalid both day and night.

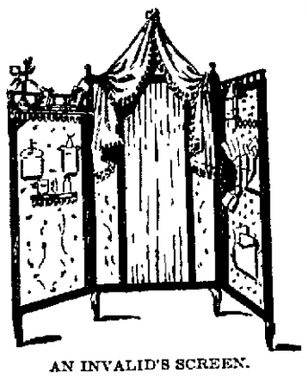
It has three panels, the central one purely decorative and the two outside fitted with shelves, pockets and brackets. There is a candle on an extension-arm, a place for the morning paper and one for the many letters that come to the "shut in."

A bracket placed conveniently low holds a watch to tick away the hours, and there is a place for any medicine necessary, while a high shelf is made attractive with books, photographs and flowers.

An invalid well enough for the couch or easy-chair will find this screen as desirable an accessory as does one who is confined to the bed.

One who is either an occasional or a permanent invalid has two great trials not usually counted in the list of her sufferings: one is the inconvenience of asking for every tiny little want—a handkerchief, a pencil, a postage stamp or any one of a hundred things desired by any active mind for an inactive body.

She will often go without rather than ask, or, having asked so often, grows irritable at the conditions which require her to be always demanding favors. That the serving hands are willing ones does not seem to lessen this feeling.



AN INVALID'S SCREEN.

The second trial is that, to one lying down in perpetual inertia, every trifle in the house seems to gravitate toward the bed and to be deposited there—the flotsam of the flowing tide. All these inanimate things have been brought by one or another of a loving family with the intention of giving pleasure to the invalid.

There are books, letters, newspaper-cuttings and other trifles that need to be removed, but they all stay in an ever-increasing heap to the annoyance and despair of the invalid, who must either tolerate the confusing embarrassment of riches or call upon some one to remove the tiresome accumulation.

When even the "grasshopper is a burden," these things depress the spirits. Perhaps the bed-screen will show the way out of some of those annoyances.—Illustrated American.

Was a Real Colonial Dame.

Betsey Otis Perkins, of "Stoughton," widow of Luke Perkins V., of New London, Conn., died recently in Sharon, Conn., 99 years old. She was the fourth great-granddaughter of John Otis, the Puritan, who with Rev. Peter Hobart joined the Pilgrims at Plymouth in the autumn of 1635. Not being in harmony with the religion of the Pilgrims, they settled the town of Hingham. She was the daughter of James Otis III., of New London, the gallant midshipman of the frigate Alliance, and bearer of dispatches from Commodore Barry to Gen. Washington in 1782. She was the granddaughter of Richard Otis IV., of New London, whose house was burned by the British September 6, 1781, at the time of Arnold's invasion.

Curious Marriage Custom.

A very peculiar custom is prevalent in Lithuania. On the occasion of the celebration of a marriage the mother of the bride, in the presence of numerous witnesses, administers to her daughter a vigorous box on the ears. In case of dispute between the husband and wife at any later period this blow may be cited as a plea for divorce, she contending that she was constrained to enter the bonds of matrimony by physical force.

Use for Christmas Cards.

With regard to the question of what to do with old Christmas cards, a correspondent says that they are much appreciated by missionaries for distribution in India and China. The fact that that have handwriting on them makes the cards all the more precious in the eyes of Indian children.

Her Personal Electrician.

The public generally is not aware that Fannie Davenport carries with her a personal electrician whose duty it is to fix lights and mirrors in her dressing-room so that she can see exactly how her magnificent attire looks from every point of view.

REMEDY FOR CROUP.

First of All, Place the Sufferer in an Upright Position.

This is a disease of childhood, although we sometimes meet attacks in grown-up people.

There are two forms of this trouble—the membraneous croup and the spasmodic croup.

The membraneous croup is a very fatal disease, causing many deaths. In some ways it resembles diphtheria, and, like this disease, it requires the best medical skill.

The spasmodic or common form of croup may be treated intelligently at home, unless the attack lasts too long or occurs too frequently, when a physician should be consulted.

In this form of croup there is a swelling and inflammation of the glottis, which is that part of the throat where the voice is produced by the air passing through the vocal cords, or another form may be the result of a nervous contraction of the muscles of the throat.

It usually occurs at night. The child awakens out of a sound sleep gasping and choking, and the difficulty of breathing is often distressing to witness. The mother or nurse must retain her presence of mind, and while acting promptly will try and quiet the child's fears.

Keep the child in an upright or sitting posture, and loosen all bands around the throat or body; put a cold compress around the throat—the colder the better, as it will the more readily break the spasm of the glottis muscles; never mind if the child screams; pin it snugly on, and over it put a dry towel; after a short time you will see the breathing gradually become easier, the struggles cease, the face become a more natural color, and the child, being somewhat exhausted from its fight for breath, will gradually drop into a gentle sleep. Giving the child anything to swallow during the spasm will only make matters worse, as it will interfere with the breathing and frighten the child more. Children that are predisposed to this trouble should be taught to breathe through the nose, if they are old enough. They should be warmly clothed during cold weather, wearing flannel underclothing. Their general health should be built up by giving them nourishing food, plenty of milk and by daily baths of tepid water, in which sea salt has been dissolved, enough to make the water taste strongly of it. A dessertspoonful of cod liver oil may be given three times a day. The child should also have all the sunshine and fresh air it can get without taking cold.

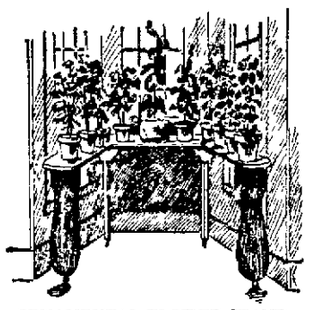
The cough syrups usually put up are of little use and will often nauseate.

Generally, with good hygiene and good nursing the child outgrows the predisposition to it altogether.—Louise Lannon, M. D., in N. Y. Journal.

NEAT FLOWER STAND.

It is Easily Moved from Its Place in the Bay Window.

The flower stand which our illustration represents combines the advantages of a stationary window-shelf and a portable flower stand. The space of the bay window is nearly all left vacant for other furniture, such as sewing-machine, sewing-chair, etc. When extremely cold spells make it necessary to move the plants to warmer quarters toward the middle of the room, it can be easily done by taking hold of the two wings, lifting them slightly from the floor and drawing the whole, wheelbarrow fashion, in any direction. The same operation with reversed motion will push it back to its place when danger from frost is past.



ORNAMENTAL FLOWER STAND.

It is made of one-and-one-eighth-inch boards, pine being preferable, as this is not so liable to warp out of shape, mitered at the corners, and about six inches narrower than the bay window is wide. This gives three inches play on each side, which is necessary to keep it from binding when being moved. The posts, or legs, are of one-and-one-half-inch plank, and can be carved to suit the builder's fancy; they are simply nailed to the top and braced in some way to give sufficient support. The braces of the stand illustrated are made of the same material as the top cut similar to a shelf-bracket, and nailed in the corners. To give the corner-joints of the top additional strength, the posts are nailed right under and in the same direction of the joints, and the braces run at right angles to the same, reaching nearly clear across the top on each side. Casters, of course, are needed to make moving easy.—G. C. Greiner, in Farm and Fireside.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and $1 per bottle at West's drug store.

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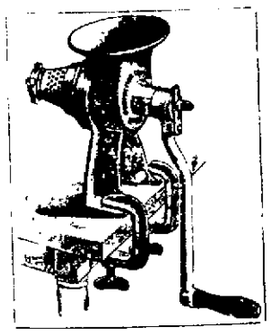

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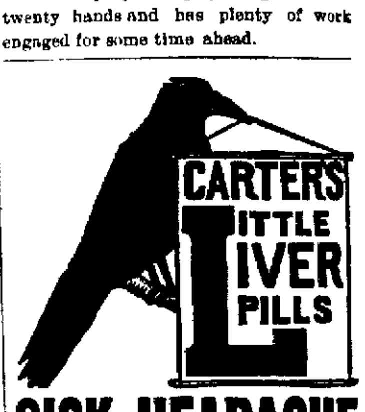

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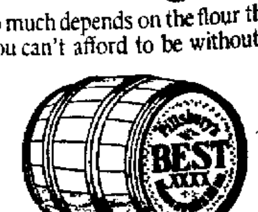

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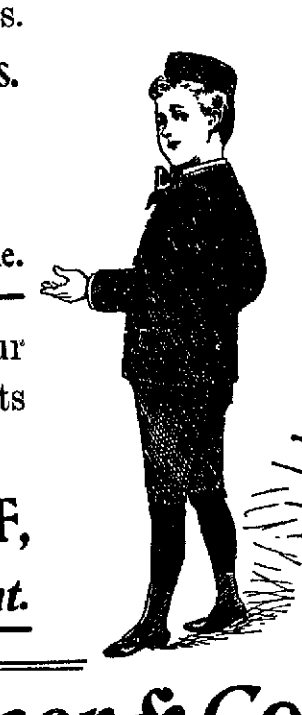

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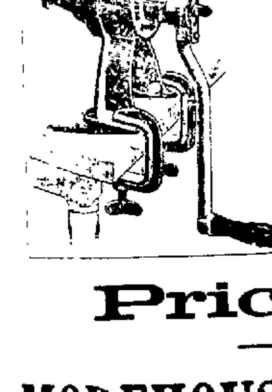

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LOCAL NEWS.

Prayer meetings this evening.

Don't fail to attend the Uniform Rank entertainment and ball tonight at K. P. hall in Powers' block.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21tf

Little Diana cigar; 'business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

The regular meeting of Coeur de Leon lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held tomorrow night.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

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Decatur Steam Bakery bread and McKinney's St. Louis bread at the Economy.—17-dtf

In Justice Hardy's court Levi Creekmur was fined $3 and costs for being implicated in a fight Monday night at the Dinger saloon.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17.—9-dtd

All members of Myrtle Temple, No. 2, R. S., are requested to meet at the hall Thursday afternoon at 2:30 for officers and staff drill. Per order of N. E. C. Mrs. Patterson.

John Sutter, the barber formerly of Decatur, is reported to have left Havana, Ill., for Tennessee, deserting his wife and child, and going away with another woman.

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The stockholders of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone company will be held Thursday night in compliance with legal notice. E. M. Hopkins and his friends claim to control a majority of the stock. If they do there will probably be a radical change in the management of the plant.

Poisons engendered by food fermenting in a dyspeptic stomach are the direct cause of rheumatism, gout, bronchitis, liver and kidney complaints, asthma, pneumonia and many nervous ailments.

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ABOUT MARSHAL NEY.

Rev. J. L. Gay Tells Some Interesting Facts in Regard to the Famous General Who Was His Schoolmaster.

Rev. J. L. Gay, the Episcopal minister of Bevier, Mo., who has been in the city visiting the family of Rev. Frank N. Atkin, tells some interesting facts in regard to Marshal Ney, the great French general of Napoleon's army. Mr. Gay says that seventy years ago he attended a school in North Carolina where Marshal Ney was the teacher. History says that Ney was executed after the Battle of Waterloo but Mr. Gay says that the fact was established beyond a doubt that the man he knew as his school teacher was the great French general. In speaking of his experience with Ney Mr. Gay said: "Ney escaped from execution through the Duke of Wellington, his great enemy. It was announced that Ney was to be executed. Twelve soldiers from his former command were chosen to carry out the execution but when the time came they shot over his head and Ney fell as though he was dead. A cloth was thrown over him and he was carried away by some of his friends and kept in hiding for a few days. He then went to Bordeaux and from there took a vessel to this country landing at North Carolina. This was in 1815. He was naturally a well educated man and he prepared himself for a teacher. He only taught in the country and avoided the cities because he knew that if it became known generally that he had escaped it would go hard with his friends who had saved his life. As a teacher he was a success and I myself received from him an inspiration of learning which I probably would not have gotten from anyone else.

"It was suspicioned that he was Marshal Ney and before he died the fact was established beyond a doubt. On the ship coming to this country he was recognized and several soldiers who had deserted from his army and came to America recognized him. After his death some of his handwriting was compared to the writing on official documents he had made in France during Napoleon's reign and pronounced by experts to be the same. He sometimes drank too freely and during such times he was induced to tell of his former life. His last days he passed on the Polk homestead during the time when James K. Polk was president of the United States. Shortly before his death he was told that he could not live much longer and was asked to reveal his identity. His dying words were the confession that he was Marshal Ney of France. He was laid to rest in the same cemetery where all of my grandparents are buried and a monument was erected in his memory over his grave."

Rev. Gay is himself quite an old man, being 88 years of age He is a great admirer of his old schoolmaster and his stories of his own early days and the last days of one so famous as the great French general are very interesting.

MT. ZION'S POSTOFFICE CONTEST

One Woman and Three Men in the Race for the Place.

The Republicans who get their mail at the postoffice at the town of Mt. Zion are being interviewed this week by a canvasser, Thomas Bilby by name, who is endeavoring to get an expression as to their preference for postmaster at Mt. Zion under the administration of President-elect McKinley. There is to be a change soon after the inauguration. At the outset there were six candidates for the coveted commission—Mrs. Minerva Vermillion, widow of George Vermillion, who at the age of 16 years, entered the union army as a teamster. He was too young to carry a musket, but he could handle horses; and then there were James Durning, John Pierce, Frank Harbert, H. G. Scott and D. F. Dickey. They were all on the track to stay until last Saturday night when there was a mass meeting of Republican voters held at the Mt. Zion tabernacle for the purpose of reaching an agreement if they could as to who should be recommended for postoffice appointment. C. H. Scott, the Mt. Zion Republican central committeeman, wanted the people to decide upon somebody for recommendation. He wanted to be ready to send in the name. At the meeting Durning and Pierce retired as candidates in favor of the woman, Mrs. Vermillion, but Harbert, Scott and Dickey would not follow their example. Finally after considerable discussion it was decided that Mr. Bilby should make a careful canvass of the patrons of the postoffice, obtain their written preferences and report at a meeting to be held next Saturday night at the tabernacle. It was agreed that the aspirant receiving the greatest number of votes would be the winner in the contest and that Committeeman Scott should recommend that person for appointment to Congressman Connelly.

A Most Enjoyable Meeting.

A very interesting meeting of the Ladies' Home Missionary society of Grace M. E. church was held yesterday afternoon at the home of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Gillmore, on East Eldorado street. During the afternoon an enjoyable musical program consisting of vocal and instrumental solos was observed and later the pastor and his most hospitable wife spread refreshments. The meeting was one of the most delightful ever held by the society.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds. at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

F. C. OBERLY MARRIED

Pastor of English Lutheran Church of Decatur Wedded Last Thursday at Luray, Va.

HIS BRIDE WAS ADDIE M. SHERMAN.

The Couple Have Gone to New York City on Their Wedding Tour and Will Return to Decatur Soon—Marriage was a Quiet One.

Rev. Frank C. Oberly, pastor of the First English Lutheran church of this city, and Miss Addie M. Sherman of Luray, Va., were married at 5:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon at the residence of the father of the bride, Mr. John H. Sherman, manager of the West Viriginia Tanning company, at Luray. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of Mr. Sherman, the ceremony was a very quiet one. Rev. C. Armand Miller, a brother-in-law of the bride, and pastor of All Saints Lutheran church, in New York City, officiated at the marriage, and in an impressive manner spoke the words which made the contracting parties man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Oberly left on the evening train for New York City, and will go thence to Allentown, Pa., the former home of the groom; and after visiting other points will return to Decatur to make their home.

Rev. Oberly was formerly pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church at Luray and it was then that he met the young lady whom he has made his wife. Although he has been pastor of the First English Lutheran church of this city for less than two years, Mr. Oberly has made many friends in this city. He came to Decatur as a stranger but has rapidly won the esteem of those with whom he has come in contact. His bride is a handsome and popular young lady of Luray.

LIVED OVER A CENTURY.

Old Man Mitchell, a Negro Hermit, is Dying at the Poor Farm—Is Over a Hundred Years Old.

Old man Mitchell, the negro who was taken to the poor farm a few days ago, cannot live but a few days. He is suffering with a severe case of gangrene and the physicians can do nothing for his relief. The man has quite an interesting history. He does not know his exact age but it is claimed that he is over a hundred years old. He was a slave before the war but for the past twenty-five years he has lived the life of a hermit. He squatted on some land owned by the Powers estate, west of the city. He didn't ask permission to live on the land but simply built a little hut and made himself at home. His wife lived with him for a time but she died and after that he lived entirely alone. He was seldom seen by anyone. Occasionally boys who were fishing at the river would call on the old man and talk with him, but his life was strictly that of a hermit. For some time past he has been unable to do anything for himself and the county has been caring for him. His health was so bad that it was decided best to take him to the poor farm and a few days ago he was put in a wagon and carried away from his lonely home. The old man cannot possibly live but a few days more.

Police Court News.

Kirby May was a central figure in Justice Hardy's court yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. Kirby demurred to the charge, but he failed to show that he had done anything to earn even his salt and the court gave him a sentence of twenty days.

Jesse Wahl was before the same justice charged with stealing $12.40 from his room mate, Harris Doran. Wahl, who bears a good reputation, was discharged.

Justice Shorb gave two strangers a sentence of ten days each for vagrancy.

There was a jury trial in Justice Odor's court. Recently a St. Bernard dog was killed and the owner, Minor Majors, brought suit against John Blakeman and Charles Lewis, sr., for $50. The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for $10.

Frank Allen was fined $3 and costs for drunkenness in Hardy's court.

Social Spray.

Mrs. F. M. Young entertained a company of congenial friends in honor of her guest, Mrs. D. S. Hill, of Indianapolis, Ind.

The choir chapter of St. John's church entertained the members of the church choir at the home of Mrs. A. T. Summers on West William street last night. A musical program of eight numbers was rendered and refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Nesbitt entertained the members of the West End Card club at their home on West Prairie street last night. About forty members of the club were present and the evening was spent playing six-handed euchre. After the game refreshments were served on the card tables.

Social Night at Decatur Club.

Thursday night is the first ladies' night of the season at the Decatur club and the ladies will be entertained at six-handed euchre. The games will begin at 8 o'clock.

COULDN'T DRINK COFFEE.

Wouldn't be Put Off With Chocolate or Tea.

"And you might bring me a cup of weak coffee, too,' a busy man said to a restaurant waiter when giving an order.

"What makes you call for weak coffee, Sam?" a friend remarked.

"O, I have no business to drink coffee any how, but I don't care for chocolate or tea, and do like coffee, although it raises the old Harry with my nerves and stomach."

Many a man fails in business because of his physical inability to attend to it properly. When a man wakes up and looks squarely at himself and his affairs he will break off those habits that weaken his body and prevent him from pushing his plans to a successful issue.

Tobacco and coffee seem so harmless that a man feels they cannot hurt him seriously, and for that reason sticks to them day after day until his nerves give out and a long period of nervous prostration sets in. While a man is sick his business goes to—well, experience shows that it don't go right, and that a sick spell is a wonderfully expensive investment.

Quit the poisonous habits, and nature will slowly rebuild the broken system without the use of medicines.

It is not so hard to give over coffee when one can have Postum Cereal Food Coffee, a beverage which looks like the finest Mocha Coffee, and creams up with the golden brown of rich old Java. It is very nourishing and fattening, and has the pungent, piquant taste demanded by the coffee drinker, at the same time it can be used by children as well as adults.

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Beware of fraudulent imitations of the original Postum Cereal Grain Coffee. Insist on Postum.

SEATS FOR "THE BROWNIES."

Seats for the Great Attraction Will Open at 8 a. m. Sharp.

Seats will be placed on sale tomorrow at 8 a. m. sharp in the opera house drug store for C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's enormously successful spectacular production "Palmer Cox's Brownies," which will be the great attraction at the Grand opera house on Saturday night, for the first time in Decatur. Some of the most remarkable scenic effects ever witnessed by local theatre-goers will be shown in "The Brownies." The storm, shipwreck, earthquake, volcano and destruction of the palace, which were described and illustrated by McClure's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Once A Week, and other prominent magazines and newspapers during the long run of "The Brownies" in New York, will all be positively presented on the same elaborate scale that made them the talk of the whole metropolis. Twelve magnificent scenes, comprising 72 hanging pieces, will be shown. The marvelous flying ballet from the Folies Bergeres, Paris; the beautiful oriental dancing girls; the greatest acrobats in the world; the Borants and Newhouse and Waffle, European musical eccentriques, will be among the great specialty features. Over 100 people will appear in the gorgeous production, and the performance here will be identical with those of the phenomenally long run of 160 nights in New York and the four weeks' engagement in Chicago, with Frank Desbon, Ida Mulle, Marie Celeste, Ida Brooks, Robert Broderick and other favorites in the cast. Palmer Cox himself will direct the performance in Decatur.

The Late W. B. Craycroft.

William B. Craycroft, whose death in Riverside Place was announced last evening, came to Macon county in 1837. He was born in Rockville, Md., on November 26, 1829, and was in the 68th year of his age at the time of his death. When he came to this county he settled in Wheatland township and lived there until 1881 when he moved to the vicinity of Turpin where he made his home until he came to Decatur in 1896. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Scott to whom he was married in 1864. His second wife was Miss Harriet Donaker to whom he was married in 1895. She survives him. There were six children by his first wife, five of them surviving their father. They are Mrs. Dora Craycroft, W. B. Craycroft, F. S. Craycroft, Miss Maude Craycroft and W. T. Craycroft.

Seed Distribution.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Partly cloudy and colder tonight preceded by showers south this afternoon; Thursday, fair, colder; winds shifting to westerly.

The Glory of Greece.

King George of Greece, has made for himself a name among civilized people and his act will go down the line of history to the credit of Greece with as much interest attached to it as many other events in the earlier history of Greece. Greece is a little kingdom. It was not considered in the allied powers, but while the combined powers were treating with the Turks and endeavoring to induce the sultan to establish reforms in his empire, more particularly as to the Armenians, an insurrection broke out in Crete, the result of Turkish misgovernment and atrocities and the blood of Christians in Crete cried from the ground and reached the ear of the little kingdom of Greece. There was no parley. There was no waiting to see what might turn up in diplomacy. It was enough for Greece to know that the knives of the Turk was in the quivering nerves of her kindred, that they were being slaughtered in Crete in spite of the allied powers. The king decreed that Crete should no longer be subject to Turkey; that he would stop these atrocities and his men of war and his troops were sent to Crete with instructions to occupy the island and proclaim the sovereignty of Greece. It was done and order was at once restored and the sovereignty of the Turk has ended forever on the island of Crete. The allied powers, fearful that the overt act of Greece might bring down among them the crisis in the east they are trying to avoid by entering into a compact to watch each other, protested against the course Greece was pursuing; but in the midst of the tumult the ensign of the little kingdom displaying the white cross, marked the spot where men stood whose hearts beat aright and who were not afraid to follow these impulses, and the protests of the territory changers was unheeded, and and that flag of red, white and blue was planted on the island of Crete and the Turk was commanded to surrender and of necessity that command was obeyed. Greece is a weak power but in this affair she had the moral support of all Europe because she was suppressing the Turk. This is only a part of the eastern question, but if the allied powers will subordinate their jealousies and go at it from a moral standpoint the entire question which has vexed the world will soon be settled and the "sick man" will be no more.

In the language of Gladstone, "the allied powers should remember that they have their own character to redeem."

The attorneys for Duestrow complain that, had it not been for the peculiar course of a judge they could have secured an appeal and their client would not have been hung as he was yesterday. Why should they deplore their failure to secure an appeal? Did not their client kill his wife and child? Did not witnesses see him do it? Did he ever deny it? In the light of these facts in the application of the law for the benefit of the commonwealth what right did he have to all the delays which he secured through his shifty attorneys? What right did he have to a further continuance? The law contemplates that a murderer shall be punished or executed for his crime and when there is no question as to his guilt he ought to be trotted along as rapidly as is consistent with a fair trial but not one inch farther. Had Duestrow been a poor man it is fair to assume he would have been executed long ago. When innocent people are murdered by fiends death is the same whether committed by a rich or a poor murderer.

The Globe-Democrat: The "great powers" are very prompt in interfering to prevent Greece from taking possession of territory which is allied to her in race, religion and sympathy, yet they were nerveless when confronted by the Armenian massacres. The work of murder by the Turks might have been under way yet if the murderers had not stopped their crimes through sheer exhaustion. In fact, the crimes are occasionally resumed. The conduct of England, Germany and Austria in the troubles in which Turkey has been involved is to the last degree cowardly and contemptible.

(The Globe Democrat might have added that the course of the present administration at Washington in its conduct in the Cuban affair is the only fitting parallel to the course of the powers as to Turkey.)

A year ago McKinley made a declaration in favor of an "honest dollar and a chance to earn it." There are too many men in this country who favor an honest dollar who are not concerned about "a chance to earn it" and they are fully as dangerous to the welfare of the country as the silverite. The prosperity of the country is dependent upon the chance to earn honest dollars. McKinley is broad enough to take in this great foundation fact and that is the reason the people are for McKinley. The man who knows all about honest dollars and nothing about the best method for creating a demand for labor is like "a cake unturned."

The royal connection enjoyed by the king of Greece are that he is the brother of the mother of the czar of Russia and of the wife of the prince of Wales and his wife is the Russian princess Olga first cousin of the late czar. The present czar's wife is the daughter of Queen Victoria so that George I of Greece is well connected.

Foraker's chief lieutenant, Cox, of Cincinnati, has come out for Hanna for United States senator. This means a good deal in Ohio politics and may change Bushnell's mind and his future a well. At least it may have the effect of putting Bushnell in a position where he will not or cannot embarrass the administration.

Thirty-two thousand Republican majority in Marlyand is an indication that the world moves. In 1861 that state put up the bars of state sovereingty and told Abraham Lincoln he could not move federal troops across the state.

Gladstone in a few words expressed the sentiment of Europe in the course pursued by the Greeks when he said: "I dare not stimulate Greece when we cannot help her, but I shall profoundly rejoice in her success.

The population of Greece is about 2,000,000 and could put an army of 300,000 in the field in an emergency. This of course might mean a good deal to Turkey.

The year 1897 promises to be a good year for the oppressed who are fighting for liberty as well as those who are fighting for bread.

Around Home.

Prairie Hall.

Mr. Hawkins made a business trip to the Mills farm Thursday last.

Rosa Farrell was visiting in Decatur last week.

D. P. Belden made a business trip to Bement Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davidson were in Decatur Friday.

Miss Minnie Shields returned to her home last Thursday.

Miss Myrtle Garver gave a "Leaf" festival last Wednesday evening at the Prairie Hall school.

Charles Reese was in Decatur last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Konser were in Decatur Saturday last.

Miss Ora Burke, of Boody, is visiting Miss Jessie Pasley this week.

Charles Britton was here last Wednesday collecting taxes.

The people of Casner circuit were pained to learn at the quarterly conference held at P. H. church Saturday and Sunday of Rev. Z. T. Hatfield's desire to resign the work of this charge. No reason is given other than that he feels that this is not his place and that no good will result from his efforts. We regret very much that this has occurred.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave an entertainment at the Prairie Hall church Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated with garlands of green and flowers, festooned from the points of a large star bearing on its five points the letters "Y. P. S. C. E." in silver. One pretty feature was a box arranged with the words "Where will you spend Eternity" cut in one side. A light being placed in the inside gave the appearance of words of fire. This was placed in view while the choir sang the hymn of that title. A solo by J. H. Weidner was well rendered. Little Midge Trulock and Lelah Armstrong each sang a pretty solo. The young people deserve praise for their success this being the first attempt of the Christian Endeavorers in the line of entertainment.

Mrs. M. J. Reese received a unique gift from her son W. S. Reese, of Washington. It was a scarf pin mounted with a small piece of gold in the state as it was in the mines.

Gutten.

Many of our young people are attending the protracted meeting now being held at Dalton.

C. H. Gregory made a business visit to Decatur Saturday.

Roy Gregory, of Lovinton, visited his brother Charles on Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Farrell returned home from Decatur Friday.

Mrs. Mundy, of Mt. Zion, visited Mrs. Frank Gregory on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody, of Iowa, are visiting Mrs. LaCash and family.

Harry Midkiff made a business visit to this place one day last week.

Mrs. Dyke is visiting her father, A. L. Vewell.

Lawrence Karch is quite sick, but is improving.

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as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

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"OH, I DUNNO."

Lindy's hair's all curly tangles, an her eyes
es deep en' gray,
En' they allus seems er-dreamin' en' er-
gazin' far away
W'en I ses: "Say, Lindy, darlin', shell I
stay er shell I go?"
En' she looks at me er-smilin' en' she ses:
"Oh, I dunno!"

Now, she knows es I'm er-lovin' her fer
years en' years en' years,
But she keeps me hesitatin' between my
doubts en' fears,
En' I'm gettin' pale en' peaked, en' et's
jes' frum frettin' so
Ovur Lindy weth her laughin' en' er-
sayin': "I dunno!"

T'other night we cum frum meetin', en' I
asks her fer a kiss,
En' I tells her she's so many thet er few
she'll never miss;
En' she looks up kinder shy-like en' she
whispers sorter low:
"Jim, I'd ruther thet yer wouldn't, but—
er—well—oh, I dunno!"

Then I ses: "Now, see here, Lindy, I'm er-
wantin' yer ter state
Ef yer thinks yer'll ever love me, en' ef I
hed better wait,
Fer I'm tired uv this foolin', en' I wants to
be yer beau,
En' I'd like ter hear yer sayin' suthin' else
but 'I dunno!'"

Then I puts my arms around her, en' I
holds her close en' tight,
En' the stars away up yander seems er-
winkin' et th' sight,
Es she murmurs sof' en' faintly, weth th'
words er-comin' slow:
"Jim, I never loved no other!" Then I
ses: "Oh, I dunno!" —N. Y. Truth.

IN COLLABORATION.

Characters: Lionel Rous, author; Constance Carruthers, authoress.

Scene: A room in a farmhouse near the little village of Fernstone. He has just filled a large, old-fashioned grate with torn foolscap pages, which he ignites by means of a wax taper. Having assured himself that his work of demolition will soon be complete, he draws chair to table and prepares to write a letter.

HE (writes)—"My Dear Dick—News in miniature, for I am returning to London to-morrow (and shall see you within a week), a sudden resolve due to a tardy discovery that I am a bigger fool than you thought me. I came to this little village to write a novel amid the actual surroundings of a real drama—in the which I have imbedded my plot. Lodging in the same shanty is Constance Carruthers, the clever lady novelist; imagine, then, my surprise (not to mention my forebodings and literary jealousy) when, during one of our numerous country rambles, I gleaned that she was at work upon a novel moved by the self-same motive as my own. Yes; she too had read the paragraph in the Moon relating to the village tragedy that had fired my imagination, and she too has come to Fernstone in search of local color. My dilemma is obvious, since there is no demand for two novels similar in plot and design. A survival of the fittest was inevitable. Keeping my discovery secret, I took clandestine advantage of my opportunity to peruse Miss Carruthers' manuscript. Conceive the horror, pique, disgust, with which I discovered that her novel (nearly finished) was in every way superior to mine. It was a lesson in comparative incapacity. Beside Miss Carruthers' story mine is limp and fatuous. Her style is as vigorously refreshing and her expansion of the motive as clear as one, knowing her, would expect. Undoubtedly the fittest has survived. My own inept endeavor, seventy-odd foolscap pages, representing nine weeks' work, is now crumbling in charred disorder in the grate. (Goes to the fireplace and viciously prods the smouldering paper with a poker. Then returns to the table and continues.) I wish you were acquainted with Miss Carruthers; you would the sooner condone the weakness with which you chaff me. She is womanly in thought and act; yet I am timid in her presence. Her manner is impulsive, sympathetic, kind; yet in all the natural advantages of our position, I dare not whisper that I worship her very shadow. Without being supercilious, she wears a superiority that defies one's amorous approaches—that superiority which jams the brake on my vanity. It says as plainly as words: 'He who would own me must first prove himself worthy of the possession.' I have been dreaming that my novel might accomplish something in that direction; but alas! If only her book had been a little inferior to mine—"

(A knock at the door.) Come in. (Enter Miss Carruthers).

She (hesitates)—You are at work, Mr. Rous; I will not disturb you.

He (jumps up)—Merely a letter, I assure you.

She (comes forward)—I only wanted to say good-by.

He—Going away?

She—In the morning—and you are not an early riser.

He—You are going to finish your novel elsewhere?

She—Finish—! (Laughs lightly.) My novel is already finished, thank you.

He—Indeed! My congratulations. More to follow on its publication. I wish you the success your genius deserves.

She (nervously)—You're very kind—but I'm afraid—that is, I've determined not to publish that particular story.

He—What! You don't really mean it?

She—I am serious; (quickly) but please don't request explanations. I have very substantial reasons. When will your book be finished, Mr. Rous?

He—It has been finished this ten minutes, Miss Carruthers. (Points to grate.) Absolutely, undeniably, irremediably finished.

She—But—you don't mean—you have burnt your manuscript?

He—Behold the ashes! I am off to London by the morning express.

She (imperatively)—Mr. Rous—why have you destroyed your work?

He—Because it was so very inferior to an existing story containing precisely the same motive.

She—I never heard of the story.

He—Yet you wrote it. I refer to the work of genius you have developed during the past few weeks. Yes; I deserve your condemnation. I read your manuscript that morning you took it out under the willow trees and wandered away in search of wild flowers instead of working. I happened along, if you remember, and found it by your sunshade on the ground. I scanned it well before your return to the shade of the willows and consciousness of my presence.

She—Mr. Rous—!

He—Don't spare me. It was a breach of good manners, I admit, but from a previous conversation I had gathered that you were at work upon the very plot I was trifling with, and it was evident that publication was reserved for one. There is the result of my reasoning (indicates the grate.) In vindication of bad manners I can at least urge that my judgment was discreet, and that my curiosity was not based upon a mean motive. I claim your mercy.

She—O, Mr. Rous, don't appeal to me My own conscience is far from free.

He—In what way?

She—Call to mind an afternoon last week when you slept beneath the apple trees in the orchard, your foolscap and fountain-pen beside you. I was reading—close at hand—a book, before you dozed—your manuscript after.

He—O!

She—In mitigation of which I advance much the same arguments as yourself. From the conversation you referred to I suspected that my plot was your plot.

He—You read the paragraph in the Moon, as I suspected?

She—And came here in search of local color. I sat in judgment, too, as you did, upon our respective stories, and—

He—But yours was indubitably the best.

She—I arrived at the opposite conclusion, Mr. Rous.

He—You are mistaken. Your story was incomparably superior to mine.

She—I cannot agree with you.

He—At least you will publish yours, since mine is in ashes.

She—If I must confess—that is impossible. Mine is at the bottom of the river.

He—Never.

She—Frankly, Mr. Rous, I was ashamed of mine after perusing yours. So I drowned it, as a boy drowns a rat, with a brickbat for dead weight.

(There is a long pause and much silent reflection. At last he speaks, very deliberately.)

He—Must you return to London to-morrow, Miss Carruthers?

She—There is no reason for delay. I have finished my novel.

He—The plot is really a good one.

She—Worth your rewriting, Mr. Rous, indeed it is.

He—It is worth the writing again, undoubtedly. I was thinking that if

"I NEVER HEARD OF THE STORY."

you were at liberty to remain here for a few weeks we might—collaborate?

She (enthusiastically)—Would you really like to?

He—Beyond everything.

She—I have never tried collaboration, but I think it must be delightful.

He—I feel sure of it. (Five minutes later she goes, and he hastily finishes his letter.) "I have seen Miss Carruthers, Dick, old boy, and am not coming back to town just yet. Will explain more lucidly later. Miss Carruthers and I are going to rewrite our story—in collaboration. Don't be surprised if you hear that the collaboration is to last."—Black and White.

An Unsafe Criterion.

A story is going the rounds which illustrates the vanity of estimating numbers by noise. It sets forth that a Yankee once went to a hotel where he tried and liked a dish of frogs' legs—for which, however, he had to pay a large price.

"What makes you charge so much for 'em?" he asked the landlord.

"Because they are scarce," answered the hotelkeeper.

"Scarce!" exclaimed the Yankee, "Why, I'll agree to get you 1,000,000 of 'em."

"Agreed," said the landlord; "if you bring me 1,000,000 I'll find a market for them."

"All right—I'll have 'em by to-night, sure."

The Yankee went away, and at night came back with eight pairs of frogs' legs.

"Where are the rest of the million?" asked the landlord.

"Well, to tell the truth," answered the Yankee, "I formed my judgment of the number by the noise!"—Youth's Companion.

—The number of asteroids discovered up to present date is 423. A number of these small planets have not been observed since their discovery, and are practically lost. Consequently it is now sometimes a matter of doubt, until the elements have been computed, whether the supposed new planet is really new, or only an old one rediscovered.

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New Books Ready for Distribution Thursday, Feb. 18.

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Aldrich—Judith and Holofernes.
Barr—One Days' Courtship.
Barrie—Margaret Ogilvy.
Belton—Literary Manual of Foreign Quotations.
Bourinot—Story of Canada.
Britton—Illustrated Flora of United States, Canada and British Possessions.
Brookings—Briefs for Debate.
Brown—Mercy Warren.
Browning—Girl's Wanderings in Hungary.
Coues—Papers Presented to World's Congress on Ornithology.
Crockett—Sweetheart Travellers.
Dodd—On the Broads.
Douglas—Little Girl in Old New York.
Duruy—History of France.
Farrar—The Three Homes.
Fernald—The Cat and the Cherub.
Fitzgerald—The Zankiwank and the Bletherwitch.
Grimm—Life of Michael Angelo, 2v.
Grosvenor—Constantinople, 2v.
Guerber—Legends of the Virgin and Christ.
Guild—Chat About Celebrities.
Hamlin—Nan at Camp Chicopee.
Harte—Barker's Luck.
Hobbs—The Herb Moon.
Hope—Phroso.
Ker—Swept Out to Sea.
Krehbiel—How to Listen to Music.
Lemcke—Chafing-dish Recipes.
Locker—Poems.
Lyall—Autobiography of a Truth.
Macrory—A Few Notes on the Temple Organ.
Mabie—The Memorial Story of America.
Maspero—Struggle of the Nations.
Miller—The Balkans, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro.
Mitford—The White Shield.
Moody—Lectures and Lessons on Art.
Oldknow—The Mechanism of Men of War.
Peet—Mound Builders.
Perry—The Plated City.
Phillips—Totem Tales.
Nordau—Conventional Lies of Our Civilization.
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Ravenscroft—Carnation Culture.
Ravenel—Eliza Pinckney.
Read—My Young Master.
Reese—A Handful of Lavender.
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Robertson—Through the Dolomites.
Saintsbury—Corrected Impressions.
Sienkiewicz—"Quo Vadis."
Steel—On the Face of the Waters.
The Valley of Baca.
Wilson—George Washington.
Williams—On Many Seas.
Wood—Quotations for Occasions.
Taylor—Travels in Central Asia.
Taylor—Japan in Our Day.
Talyor—Lake Regions of Central Africa.
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Taylor—Siam, the Land of the White Elephant.
Taylor—Travels in South Africa.
The Woman's Book, ref., 2v.
Yriarte—Venice.

Prompt Payment of $2,000.

The late Robert G. Wells, who died in Chicago, and was buried in Decatur on Sunday, Feb. 7th, carried two policies, each for $1,000 in the Franklin Life Association, for which Bob Ferguson is the Decatur agent. Today Mr. Ferguson received a draft from Springfield for $2,000, drawn in favor of Mrs. Alice C. Wells, the widow. She received the draft this afternooon.

Look at the Ladies' $1.75 shoes in Powers' shoe store front window.—17-dt3

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 17, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
February	—	—	—	73⅛
May	74¼	74⅜	73⅜	74⅛
July	70⅜	70⅞	70	70⅞
Corn—				
February	—	—	—	21⅜
May	23⅛	23¼	23⅛	23⅛
July	24⅜	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛
Oats—				
February	—	—	—	14⅜
May	16⅜	16⅜	16⅜	16⅞
July	17⅛	—	—	17⅜
Pork—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	7.77½	7.85	7.65	7.85
Lard—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	3.85	3.90	3.82½	3.90
Ribs—				
February	—	—	—	—
May	3.95	4.02½	3.92½	4.02½

May wheat: puts, 74⅛c; calls, 75⅛c; curb, 74⅝.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—12. Estimated, 13. Year ago, 164.
Corn—205; Estimated, 240; a year ago, 345.
Oats—225; Estimated, 220, a year ago, 197.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 25; Corn, 220; oats, 275.

Hog receipts 50,000; estimated, 89,000. Market 5c to 10c lower.

Light, $3.25@$3.52; Mixed $3.35@$3.50; Heavy $3.35@$3.47; Rough $3.15@$3.25.

Estimated for to-morrow, 46,000.

Cattle receipts, 17,000: market 10c lower.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, Feb. 17.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2 white, 18¼c; oats, dull, No. 2, white, 17@19c; Rye, nominal.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

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NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Wheat, May, 80¼c; Corn, May, 29¾c; oats, May, 21½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Butter, quiet, creamery, 13@21c; Eggs, steady, 12½@13c.

A PAIR OF FRAUDS.

Parker and Perry Lodged in the County Jail Last Night.

Last evening Officer Lilly arrested two strangers on suspicion of being crooks and it turns out that he did the citizens of Decatur a good service. Lilly saw two men going north on Water street, past the Methodist church. Both appeared to be cripples, one with a peg leg, the other with his right arm gone, the empty sleeve dangling at his side. Lilly followed the two fellows after they had turned east on Eldorado street, and asked their business in the city. The one-armed man said he had been selling needles at the residences, and the peg leg chap hesitated as he answered. Lilly proceeded to search the men for weapons and while he was at it he felt something that seemed like a club down the right side of the one-armed man. W. J. Parker is the man's name. He said that the thing was not a club—it was his arm. Then Lilly knew he had caught a fraud, and he took both men to headquarters. Guard Perry is the name of the peg leg stranger. It was found that Parker had his right arm bandaged close to his body, under his undershirt. Parker said his home was in Chicago, where he has relatives. He left that city on Sunday with his arm lashed to his body, starting out to sell needles on the sympathy dodge. Parker had no excuses to offer. He had $1.21 on his person. Perry is a plain beggar. He had $3.45 in cash. Both men were taken over to the county jail.

NEW DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

Slight Change in Officials for the City Electric Railway.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the City Electric Street Railway company, capital, $300,000, was held yesterday, with all of the stock represented. It was a meeting for the election of directors: D. S. Shellabarger, W. H. Starr and W. L. Ferguson were re-elected, and Harry Shlaudeman and J. B. Bullard were chosen in place of W. L. Shellabarger and I. R. Mills. The directors will soon meet to elect officers. Mr. Ferguson will continue as manager and Will Shellabarger will continue as secretary and treasurer, while Mr. Mills will be the company's legal representative.

MURDER HORROR IN DAKOTA.

A Couple Three Months Married Found Dead in Bed.

Tyndall, S. D., Feb. 17.—Sinton Shupe and wife were found dead at their home on the Yankton reservation this morning. The woman was shot in the breast and throat cut; man shot. The couple had been married only three months. Robbery was probably the cause. No clue.

The Trust Investigaton.

New York, Feb. 17.—Charles R. Flint, treasurer of the rubber trust, was again on the stand today in the legislative trust investigation. He gave the capital of the companies consolidated into the trust and said eminent counsel had been consulted on every move. When asked if he had brought books and other data, he said he had telephoned the office and done every thing possible to secure the desired information but had not succeeded. The papers giving the amount paid for various companies are in the archives of the company in New Jersey and are not accessible to witness.

Rehearsal.

The rehearsal of the home minstrel performance will begin tonight promptly at 7:30 o'clock at the Harwood residence. The end men should bring their bones and tambourines. The entertainment will be given Monday night at the Grand.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of the late William B. Craycroft will take place from the residence in Riverside Place at 12 o'clock noon, Feb. 18. The burial will be at Mt. Gilead cemetery. Ionic lodge of Masons will have charge of the services and interment.

The Charity Store.

There were not many calls at the charity store this afternoon. Since the weather has moderated the poor people do not suffer so much and the applications for assistance are very few compared to what they were during the cold spell.

Want Better Pay.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 17.—The motormen and conductors of the street railway struck this morning for an increase of wages.

WANTED—A good girl to do general housework. Apply at 357 North Edward street. Feb 17-d6

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances; $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

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$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 216 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

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FOR RENT—A good seven-room house, within three blocks of Lincoln Square. Barn, carriage house, well, cistern and dry cellar. Inquire at 459 South Main street. 17-d6*

LOST—Somewhere in the city an American Brewing Co. memorandum book, with $5 on the inside. Owner will pay a liberal reward for its return to John Mattes, 111 East Main st. 17-d6*

Domestic Architecture.

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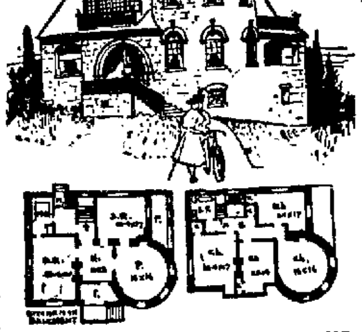
A small country house can be made very attractive by using in its construction irregular quarry faced stone. In some sections a great variety of colored stones come from the same bed of rock, and when they are laid with care, blending one into another and pointing with a raised cement joint, the effect is very beautiful.

In the accompanying design, the plan is arranged for a house located on a high knoll, with a decided slope towards the rear, so that the floor of the kitchen (which is in the basement) will be just one step above grade.

The first floor has a hall in the center. On each side of this hall there are wide



PERSPECTIVE AND FLOOR PLANS.

sliding doors opening into the parlor and dining-room. The parlor is 16 feet in diameter, the sitting-room is 13 feet 4 inches by 17 feet 20 inches, and the dining-room is 13 feet 4 inches by 20 feet in size.

There is a serving pantry connecting with the dining-room by a double action door and a dumb-waiter which serves from the kitchen below. The second story has four chambers and a large bathroom.

In exterior treatment the walls are of variegated stone and the roof is of stained dimension shingles. The estimated cost is $2,200 to $2,500.

CARE OF THE FACE.

How to Keep the Complexion in a Satisfactory Condition.

It is agreed that the too frequent use of poorly made cold cream is the prime cause of many troubles, causing especially blackheads. Not that it is not excellent in its place, and should be on every toilet table, but the ignorant use of it or of any other oily substance clogs the pores and retards natural action.

Cold cream should never be allowed to remain on the skin over night. It does no good and lots of injury. Wash the face with it before retiring, by rubbing it gently in with a flannel or soft towel, and then as carefully remove every trace of it with a perfectly clean one, keeping up a gentle massage until there is no oiliness on the skin at all.

This mode of treatment will be found a certain aid, and there will be no damaging results afterwards. So many people decry the use of soap upon the face, which is all a gross mistake, providing a good, reliable quality is used, than which nothing is better than pure white castile, very delicately perfumed. Soap, with hot water, effectually cleans the pores, but, of course, it must be thoroughly washed off, and a brisk rubbing given to the skin to promote circulation. To sum it all up there are, after all, only a few simple rules to follow if one wishes to improve her complexion, or to keep what she already has.

The general health must be good, the diet looked to, plenty of outdoor exercise taken, a fondness for the bathtub cultivated, and one's temper kept unruffled at all costs.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Novel Design in Bedsteads.

Twin beds are the latest thing for the sleeping-room. The frames are made exactly alike, and when pushed together look like an ordinary double bed. Whenever desired, however, they can be separated. The handsomest bedsteads in the world, it is said, are made in America, and the work of carving, painting and inlaying keeps many men constantly employed. One of the most magnificent bedsteads to be seen is of Louis XV. design, made of enameled cherry. The panel at the head of the bed has a design of cupids, in which pink is the predominating color, and the panel at the foot has a scene showing Venus and Vulcan. The headboard, below the panel, is upholstered with pink damask brocade. Such a bedstead is valued at $3,000. The bedsteads are not merely show pieces, but fine purchasers.

A Novelty in Portieres.

An agreeable change in the conventional portiere is to have for a door that is not constantly used a set of hangings, consisting of two side curtains and a deep valance, the former hung upon rods, so that they may be opened, if need be, but which are for the most part kept closed. These should be of some heavy material, of which there is a wide choice, running up and down the scale of cost. Among the more expensive fabrics velvet or some one of the thick, plain-surfaced goods of the broadcloth order may be satisfactorily used.

A Hint for Thin Women.

Women who wish to gain flesh should keep warm. One physician puts his whole prescription to such patients in one sentence: "Eat root vegetables and keep warm." Soft, warm, wadded lounging robes, deep, downy chairs and pillows to nestle in should be a part of the belongings of the woman seeking avoirdupois.

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About 25 dozen of Ladies' Kid Gloves, (Tans, Browns, Slates, Blues and Reds,) that have sold at $1.50 and $1.75, on sale at 98c pair.

Dress Goods at 39c.

About 20 pieces of Light and Dark Novelty Dress Goods, that have sold at 50c, 65c and 75c yard—now out at 39c yard.

White Shirts at 43c.

10 dozen Men's Laundered White Shirts, (sizes 14, 15½, 16, 16½, 17), that are slightly soiled, and have sold at $1.00, and $1.25, now cut to 48c.

25 dozen Men's fine Unlaundered White Shirts, worth 75c, at 48c.

MEN'S FLANNEL OUTSIDE SHIRTS worth $1.00 and $1.50, now at 50c.

LADIES' FINE SHOES, the $2.00 kind at $1.50 pair.

One lot $1.50 and $1.75 Ladies' Shoes out at 98c pair.

BOYS' PERCALE WAISTS, the 50c kind at 25c.

CHILDREN'S TAM O'SHANTER CAPS at 19c.

WINDOW SHADES, 40c kind 25c; 25c kind at 15c.

DRESSER SCARFS, 50c and 65c kind at 39c each.

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No evening shadows linger cold and gray,
No winds of winter chill the summer day,
A fadeless springtime blooms upon the way
Where she hath gone.

Where she hath gone—
No wailing note awaketh sign or moan,
The old glad songs take up a gladder tone,
There's laughter sweeter far than we have known.
Where she hath gone.

Where she hath gone—
Her saintly presence blesses mansions fair,
Glory gleams about the head so dear,
And thy poor heart will find its rest up there,
Where she hath gone.

Where she hath gone—
Time doth not mark in days its golden flight,
The sun is dimmed by Heaven's greater light,
And there are never tears nor lonely night
Where she hath gone.

Where she hath gone—
Thou, too, some day, will go if God so will,
And while transcendent raptures thro' thee thrill,
Thy souls shall meet, redeemed, yet loving still,
Where she hath gone.

—Lila T. Dews, in Atlanta Constitution.

"BR'ER BUZZARD."

BY HARRY BALL.

OF ALL the birds that fly, "Br'er Buzzard" is the ugliest and the least engaging. He might be called the skeleton in the closet of the bird world. We don't like to say anything more about him than we can help. He isn't a pleasant subject. The poor fellow seems to be aware of his own humble sphere in feathered society, too, and his manners are modest and deprecating. He makes no noise in the world. His demeanor, whenever he walks abroad, is shrinking and sad, as if he was conscious of his own clumsy movements and the disagreeable ideas his presence suggests. But he is not altogether unappreciated, depressing as he is; and of him may be said, with truth, that he does no injury to any living creature. He lives his harmless life and does his grewsome duty.

What more need be said of anybody? Mankind may not love or admire Br'er Buzzard, but they are forced to accord him respect and protection. The man who kills him breaks the law and offends his fellow men.

But there are many interesting things about this undertaker in feathers that have never been described, probably because the general tendency has always been to let him alone; and of all the larger birds of this country there is not one which is less intimately known than this.

He can be seen on almost any day in the southern states, soaring high in the blue sky or dashing slantwise in wind and storm, a majestic and graceful object. This is as near as most people care to see him.

In his home life he is, it must be acknowledged, a mean and unpleasant creature; and yet, even there, he is not without interest to the lover of all things which infinite wisdom has placed upon the earth. Two species of this vulture, improperly called buzzard, inhabit the United States east of the Rocky mountains, one of which ranges from New England to the Gulf of Mexico, and is familiarly known as the turkey buzzard. His scientific name is Cathartes Aura, and he is a very different individual from his humbler cousin, whose closer acquaintance we are now making.

The turkey buzzard is a somewhat larger bird than the black vulture, and is not black in color, but a mixture of black and reddish brown, the latter being the prevailing color in his plumage. His beak, feet and head, where the skin is bare, are of a bright red color, and he is much less grotesquely repulsive in appearance than the black vulture of the south.

He also moves, when on the ground, with a sort of dignified deliberation very different from the clumsy hopping and "teetering" stride of his black cousin. The latter—Catharista Atrata, the scientists call him—is the common scavenger of the far south, where he becomes as familiar almost as the chickens in the small towns, when cold weather or scarcity of food drives him from the woods and fields to the haunts of men. He has absolutely no redeeming feature of personal appearance. Except when sailing high in air, he is a dejected, wretched, hopeless and revolting object. His color is sooty black, except the tips of the wings, which are of a dingy, grayish white, this color being visible only when the wings are expanded. His beak, head and bare, wrinkled neck are dull black, and his whole aspect and demeanor is ludicrously appropriate to his ghastly calling.

He is a bird of the semi-tropics, and can but ill endure the degree of cold which is often felt in the Gulf states in January.

At such times he resorts to the towns, and can often be seen on the housetops, crouched close against a smoking chimney, where sometimes a half dozen will push and struggle together for the warmest place. When hunger presses, he will descend into the backyard and walk about in his dejected, clumsy way, disputing with the chickens for whatever scraps may be thrown out.

When he drops down from on high among these chickens, there is a mighty flutter and consternation; but they soon learn to treat him with the contemptuous indifference to which he is accustomed, and the haughty rooster or quarrelsome old hen will not hesitate to knock him heels over head, if he comes between the wind and their nobility.

He is a very uncomplaining bird. He does not make any outcry. He simply spreads his great wings and soars far beyond the reach of his petty enemies. He meets with the same scornful tyranny from the turkey buzzard.

It is an odd sight to see one of the latter swoop down upon a flock of the black vultures as they are gathered about a dead chicken or other animal. All the black ones scramble out of the way, hopping, flapping and making their hoarse hissing sound—their only note—and range themselves at a safe distance, where they wait patiently until their big cousin chooses to take his departure.

The two species are often found together, but there is evidently a great gulf between them, and the blacks never forget their humble and respectful demeanor in the presence of Cathartes Aura.

Along the lower Mississippi river, in Mississippi and Louisiana, all the small towns are protected from inundation by high earthworks or levees, and the space between the levee and the river, called the batture, is a sort of no-man's land. Here garbage and refuse of all kinds is thrown, and the floating houses of the fishermen are moored.

Such places are the chosen home of Br'er Buzzard. No one ever dreams of molesting him. No one ever cares to come near enough to frighten or disturb him, and the life of plenty and ease makes him lazy and stupid. All day long he sits on some tall cottonwood tree, drawn up and dejected, if the weather be cloudy or cold, or standing with wings wide extended, to catch the sunlight if the day is fine. This singular attitude, with wings spread to their utmost extent, is a favorite with both Aura and Atrata, and they seem to be able to maintain it for hours without fatigue.

When the fishermen come in with their loaded boats the vultures descend, and crowd about the rafts where the fish are assorted, waiting until the dead or worthless ones are cast aside.

A favorite morsel is the head of the great river catfish, which is always cut off before the fish is offered for sale.

The fishermen, like everybody else, recognize the utility of the vultures, and encourage them until they become almost like pets; and it is ludicrous to see four or five of them seize a fish head and pull like boys at the old-fashioned game of French and English, flapping, hissing and tumbling about the ground in their efforts to drag the coveted morsel away from each other. In the midst of the ignoble struggle down swoops Cathartes Aura into the melee. The black fellows fall over each other in their efforts to get out of his lordship's way, and he calmly sails off with the prize in his beak.

No doubt it will surprise many readers, and probably create a diversion of sentiment in favor of this bird of ill omen, to learn that he loves to be clean, and will even brave immersion in the cold water of the Mississippi river in order to effect it.

TREAT HIM WITH INDIFFERENCE.

On a warm and sunny day a large flock of the black vultures will assemble on a shelving, sandy bank or a heap of driftwood, apparently for the express purpose of doing what the negroes who live along the batture call "washing their clothes."

One by one they drop down out of the sky at the meeting-place, each new arrival taking up a position, and keeping it in decorous and dejected silence. They usually select a spot at which there is a partially sunken log, and after a large number are assembled, one of the company will march gravely out on the half-submerged log, while the others sit motionless in their places.

When the bather reaches the water, it is funny to watch him. As his feet touch it he raises himself on tiptoe, and steps gingerly, shuddering at the cold contact; but he wades bravely in, and as he goes deeper and deeper his feathers rise on end, and he looks a picture of comic distress.

He means business, however, and keeps resolutely on, until he is completely submerged except his head. Then he washes himself, precisely as a duck does, flapping his wings, rubbing and ruffling himself, and dancing up and down in the water until his feathers are thoroughly saturated. This accomplished, he marches sadly out a much more distressful object than ever, shakes himself like a dog, and "hangs himself up to dry" by spreading his great wings in the sunlight and standing like a statue for perhaps an hour, while his brethren each go through the same performance, one by one, until the whole company are standing with outspread wings in the hot sun.

This singular spectacle is a familiar one in the haunts of the black vulture, and, next to his great utility in removing noxious substances from the earth, is the strongest argument I can find to recommend him to the esteem of mankind.—Golden Days.

—Mistress—"That was a very nice letter of Patrick's offering you marriage, Mary. What shall I say in reply for you?" Mary—"Tell him, mum, if you plaze, that when I get my wages raised next month, mum, I'll begin to save for the wedding things."—Tit-Bits.

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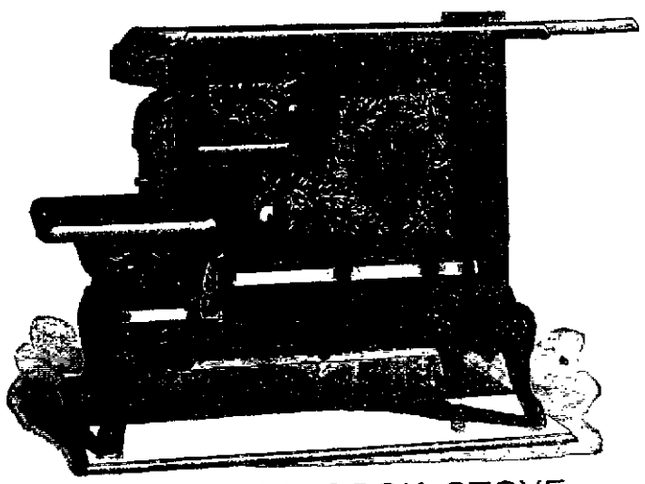

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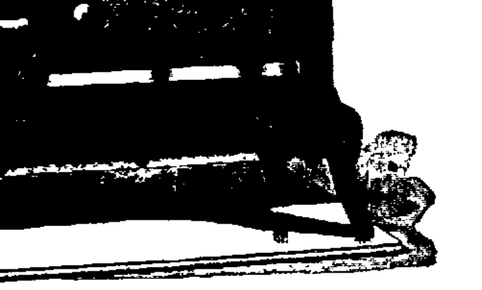

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TELEGRAPHY.

Tests Demonstrate That the Morse System Cannot Be Improved.

The Postal Telegraph company made a test a few days ago to determine whether the Morse system of telegraphing is cheaper to operate, taking all things into consideration, than other systems, notably the Wheatstone, that is used in England and to some extent in this country, says the New York World.

The result was a unanimous verdict that the Morse system as invented more than 50 years ago stands to-day without the change of a dot or a dash or any alteration in the principles of transmission, far ahead of any other system.

During the test three New York operators sent to Pittsburgh, Pa., 102 messages in 90 minutes, and 200 messages, containing 5,605 words, in three hours. This was an average of 66 2-3 messages per hour. Pittsburgh, however, beat this, sending an average of 68 1-5 messages per hour.

These messages were taken in the regular course of business, and the result, while not equaling the fastest individual bursts of speed for a few minutes, exceeds previous records of its kind. The company then took into consideration the cost of transmission, salary of operators, accuracy of work, time consumed and all other factors entering into telegraphy. These were compared with similar results in other systems, and the decision was wholly in favor of the Morse system, that is today an unchanged monument to the great American inventor.

THE FIGHTING EDITORS.

Where the Sword Is Mightier Than the Pen.

I remember calling at the office of a great Parisian newspaper with a friend who wished to have rectified a statement published in it concerning him, says a writer in the Cornhill Magazine. When our business was made known we were ushered into a handsomely furnished room on the first floor. Seated at desks, without a trace of pens, ink or paper or of anything in a literary way except some new novels, together with a few packages of cigarettes, were two gentlemen, whose appearance made a considerable impression on me.

They were faultlessly dressed in deep black (the duelist's color). Each had the ribbon of the legion in his buttonhole, their long, jet-black mustaches were waxed out to a point as fine as a needle's and there was in their whole manner, their voices, their gestures and the expression of their eyes and mouths an indescribable something that proclaims the man who at one time or another has worn a uniform. These were the fighting editors, with whom evidently the pen is not mightier than the sword. They were civil, however, and consented to the rectification of the paragraph. As fighting was their trade, they looked at it in a purely business way and only went out when the demands made were too unreasonable to be entertained. I fancy that they sometimes fought in defense of articles they had never even seen.

WASHINGTON HOTELS.

How the Crowds Are Housed Inauguration Week.

Washington at inauguration time houses 100,000 visitors. When it is remembered, remarks the Illustrated American, that the town has only about 230,000 inhabitants, of which 80,000 are negroes, it will be seen that visitors during the inauguration week are packed like herrings in a barrel. It repeats every four years the experiences of cities many times its size that secure national conventions—and then wish they hadn't. The hotel accommodations of Washington are very large for a town of its size, and the business is extremely profitable, hotel failures being rare. Once every four years a boom period may be counted upon, which lasts not only during the inauguration week, but for several weeks thereafter. This puts even the shaky hotels on their legs for that year. Hotel quarters are engaged long in advance of March 4, but people of a certain class are always sure, by some sort of occultism, to get a room. The hotel keepers are far-sighted and long-headed. They have an eye to future custom, and they know that a man who has come on to Washington unprovided with quarters or who has telegraphed late for rooms will remember with gratitude a hotel which takes him in and makes him comfortable.

Causes of Terror.

Prof. G. Stanley Hall, of Clark university, says that thunder and lightning cause terror to more children than any other one thing, and following in the order named come reptiles, strangers, darkness, fire, death, domestic animals' disease, wild animals, water, ghosts, insects, rats and mice, robbers, and high winds. It is pleasant to notice that the fear of ghosts comes very low on the list. Some special forms of dread are to be found in all parts of the country. For instance, the thought of high winds excites no alarm in the east, while in the cyclone states it is a common cause of apprehension.

The Pneumatophor.

A highly ingenious apparatus called the "pneumatophor" has been invented at Vienna. Its object is to enable miners, firemen and others to breathe without difficulty when surrounded by after damp, smoke from fires or other noxious fumes. In its satchel ready for use, it weighs only four kilogrammes, furnishes sufficient air for three-quarters of an hour, and has been subjected to severe tests by the Vienna fire department and in Silesian coal mines, with the utmost success.

Eliot's Indian Bible.

It is asserted by typographical authorities that the first Bible printed in America was "John Eliot's Indian Bible," in 1663. The language into which this Bible was translated is extinct, and it is said only one or two persons are able to read it.

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Perfume the breath,
Pleasant of action,
Powerful yet mild,
Potent but non-griping,
Perfect laxative,
Positively guaranteed to

CURE CONSTIPATION.

A booklet and sample free for the asking, or you can buy a box for 10c, 25c, 50c at your drug store. Satisfaction guaranteed. 73
Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago Montreal New York

NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed to cure Tobacco Habit by all druggists

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating Company will be held at their office on Monday, March 1, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

W. H. ELWOOD, President.
O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
Feb. 5-dtd

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Ferby Holman, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Ferby Holman, late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.
DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.
Feb 10-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of Macon county. State of Illinois.—In the matter of the estate of Edwin S. Spencer.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Edwin S. Spencer, confectioner, of Decatur, Ill., and all persons having any claims against said Edwin S. Spencer are hereby notified to present the same to me under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated this 2d day of January, 1897.
jan 2 d6w W. C. DIMOCK, Assignee.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and southwest.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 38, Old No. 430. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.

The Vandalia-Pennsylvania direct line to Washington, D. C. Reduced rates to the inauguration March 1, 2 and 3. Leaves Decatur at 8 a m., arrives at Washington 1 25 a. m.—only one night out—28½ hours.

Mardigras at New Orleans, March 1 and 2, 1897. Announcement of reduced rates on this occasion will be made in due season.

Tour of all Mexico via the Central route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago Feb. 27, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, railway, sleeping and dining car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.

California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wednesday, through without change from Chicago to San Francisco.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal winter resorts in the south and southeast.

Homeseekers' excursions to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest, on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

To Indianapolis, Ind., on account department of Superintendents of National Educational Association, Feb 12, 18, 15.

For rates, time of trains, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., or W. L. Smith, ticket agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill.
Telephone 579.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rolly Springs Route to FLORIDA

Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to Jacksonville via Illinois Central, and Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. Sleeping Car Service in connection therewith from Chicago and from Sioux City.

CALIFORNIA
—VIA—
NEW ORLEANS.

Pullman Buffet Sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited," for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman Tourist Sleeper every Wednesday THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE from Chicago to San Francisco.

TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

via the Central Route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago JANUARY 19th, 1897, FEBRUARY 27th, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Railway, Sleeping and Dining-Car Fares, Hotels, Carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans
March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this occasion will be made in due season, particulars of which can be learned of your home agent.

Homeseekers Excursions SOUTH

From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at One Fare for the Round Trip, plus $2.00. To certain points South from stations west of Iowa Falls, Ia. inclusive on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month, east of Iowa Falls and north of Cairo, Ill., one day later, viz., 1st and 3d Tuesday. Homeseekers' tickets will also be sold from stations north of Cairo and east of Cedar Falls to points on Illinois Central west of Iowa Falls and from all stations on the Central Route north of Cairo to certain points

WEST AND SOUTHWEST

on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agents of the Central Route and connecting lines.
A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Chicago.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Agents, male and female, everywhere to handle greatest seller produced, wonderful invention. Write at once for particulars. B. LINDEMAN, 335 Broadway, N. Y.
15-d6*

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Must give references. Apply at once to MRS. GILLESPIE, No. 714 West Macon street.
15-d6*

WANTED.—We have a fine half section land at Storm Lake, Iowa, at a very reasonable rent, good improvements. Also other good farms to rent, sell or trade for merchandise or city property. See ALLINSON & FLEMING, 121 East William street, Decatur, Ill. 15-d6*

WANTED—Agents to sell our complexion soap and flavoring extract to families, free premiums and big profits. Crown Soap Works, Chicago. 13-d6*

WANTED—Men and women to engage in an easy paying business at home, can work daytime or evening and make 50c to $2 per hour, sure thing, sample and complete instructions sent for 10c. World's Supply Co., Rutland, Vt.
13-d6*

WANTED—Several upright, industrial persons in Illinois, as State agents, or managers, for responsible house. $780 and expenses. Permanent positions. Enclose reference. Address the Dominion Company, Dept. 2, Chicago.
Feb 9-d6w

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—the best established feed mill and feed business in the city. Also a complete nickel plating outfit, almost new, for sale or trade cheap. Call on or address 149 North Broadway. 13-d6*

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beamont and Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy Terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or blizzards. Profitable crops, rice, cotton, fruits, vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEMING, I. C. City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill.
Jan 5-d6w

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A house of nine rooms, furnace, well and cistern, and good barn, chicken houses, etc., in Riverside. Apply to H. F. May & Bro., 134 South Main street. Feb. 11-d2w

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and city property not over 40 per cent of value at 6 per cent, on 5 years time, with privilege of payments after the second year. Also loan money for nearly all classes of loans. Call or address Samuel McBride, 215 North Main street.
dec17 d6mo

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block.
july7 d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

AGENTS make $50 weekly handling Burgie's Gaslight Burner for kerosene lamps, gives brilliant gaslight, one quarter of the cost, fits any lamp, no chimney, no smoke, make your own gas fluid, greatest seller produced, wonderful invention, don't answer unless you want permanent employment handling the best seller on earth, we are sole manufacturers, supplying other firms. Burgie Mfg. Co., Chicago, Dept. B
13.d6*

PRIVATE SALE—this week—Carved bed, Dressing Case, Books and Bookcase, pictures and silverware. 453 North Franklin st.
10-d6

SALESMEN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Philadelphia. jan 23-d4w.

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made, $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St.
Dec 30 d&wtf

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

THE FINEST FLOWERS.—N. Bommersbach, proprietor of the Decatur Greenhouse, has in stock at all times the finest and largest variety of cut flowers and plants at the lowest figures. Inspect the display at the greenhouse on Spring avenue. Leave orders at office or with J. B. Bullard, Syndicate Block.
Jan 4, 1897-dtf

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—For sale, the well-known Bee Hive Grocery and Meat Store. I have just taken an invoice and now offer to the public one of the best and well known stands in the city of Decatur. I will receive closed bids for the entire stock and fixtures from now till February 18 up to 2 o'clock p. m. Any parties wishing to see the invoice or stock call on A. F. GEBHART, Assignee, 610 North Water st., Decatur, Ill. Feb. 13-d4

RHEUMATISM CURE.—Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodande Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, Tom Penwell, ticket agent I. C. R. R. Jan 18 dtf

CITY COLLECTING AND RATING AGENCY.

He rents buildings and collects all kinds of claims at the most reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address GEO. W. CUSTER, Room 505, Arcade Building.
Jan 8-dtf

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M. D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive proposals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of hardware, cutlery, stoves, tinware, tinner's tools, etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean, and if desired the building can be rented for the coming season, or can be purchased reasonable.

Macon, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.
Jan 29 d6w W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P., D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settler rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and eastern points, at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

City ticket office removed from 110 Library block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. New 'phone No. 28; Old, No. 430. Union Depot 'phone No. 47, New.

Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penwell, 121 East William street.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 23-dtf

DR. LAURENS ENOS,
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones { Office, 272 Res., 216. | Residence 1446 N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 365.
Residence—556 West North St.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41.
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 555, Residence, 556.
Aug. 26-dtf

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours 9 a. m. to 12 m., 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., 7 p. m. to 8 30 p. m.
Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill

HERMAN SPIES.
Book Binder.
Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 127 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in gold on books.

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 78, Residence, Old 306.
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store Decatur

F. L. TAYLOR, Collector. J. B. MOFFETT, Lawyer.
TAYLOR & MOFFETT,
Real Estate, Loans, Collections: Insurance and Law.
—Room 10, Opera House Block—

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY, }

Mattie E. Sparks, Complainant, vs. Margetta Sparks et al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 15778.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 10th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Commencing 50 feet west of the southeast corner of Lot 10 in Block 3 of S. K. Thompson's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, thence north 150 feet parallel with the east line of said lot thence west 30 feet, thence south 150 feet, thence east 30 feet to the place of beginning in Macon county Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.
Feb 16-dtd

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Piatt county, Illinois, in favor of Thomas L. McDaniel and against Charles H. Bridges, Wm. Marshall Bridges and Frank Walz, partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bridges, Walz & Co., I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Sixty-five (65) feet in width off of the north side of Lot Three (3) of R. L. Howenstine's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as the property of the said Charles H. Bridges, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 8th day of February, A. D. 1897.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
Feb 8 dtd Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Uriah Edgecombe. Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Uriah Edgecombe, deceased, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1897.
HANNAH EDGECOMBE, Administratrix.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys. Jan 26-d3w

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of George Q. Baker, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of George Q. Baker, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1897.
SARAH ANN BAKER, Executrix.
Jan 15-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Debtors.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1896, transfer to the undersigned, as assignee all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, accordingly to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.
Dated December 30, 1896. [Jan 6-d6w

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

WABASH LINE

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	*1 05 a m	13	*4 30 a m
14	*11 45 a m	15	*3 55 p m
16	†7 40 a m	17	†7 35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	*3 40 a m	6	*5 25 a m
11	*6 55 a m	4	†11 25 a m
5	†4 05 p m	14	*11 42 a m
15	*4 00 p m	10	*8 58 p m
1	*12 13 a m	2	*11 17 p m
7	*7 20 p m	12	*12 55 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	*5 28 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11 30 a m	7	*7 17 p m
2	*11 20 p m	5	†3 50 p m
10 Laf acm	†4 40 p m	3	*3 20 a m
		11	†10 30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	*4 05 p m	4	*11 20 a m
3	*6 40 a m	2	*10 40 p m
17 Spfd only	†7 40 p m	16 from Spfg	†7 35 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10 34 a m	10 Effm acm	†4 36 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily .... 1 32 a m	Diamond Special, daily ..... 2 55 a m
No. 101, daily, 11 25 a m	No. 125 pass. ex. Sunday ... 9 30 a m
No. 194 freight ex. Sunday .... 2 00 p m	No. 193 freight ex. Sunday .. 10:10 a m
No. 107 pass. ex Sunday .. 6 11 p m	No. 123, daily, 3 32 p m
No. 702 (Champ'n line) leaves, ex. Sunday .. 2 25 p m	No. 701 (Champ'n line) arrives ex. Sunday 10.15 a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n, daily 6 00 a m	No. 703—From Chicago, daily 9 05 p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago . 11 52 a m	No. 119 daily, to St. Louis 2 58 p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria		Arrive from Evansville	
A No. 1	10 42 a. m	A No. 2	2 41 p. m
D No. 3	10 10 p. m	A No. 4	3 50 a. m
A No. 31	4 50 p. m.	A No. 30	6 15 a. m.
		S No. 36	7 10 a. m.

Depart for Peoria		Depart for Evansville	
A No. 2	2 47 p. m	A No. 1	10 50 a. m.
A No. 4	4 10 a. m	D No. 3	10 20 p. m.
A No. 30	6 35 a. m	A No. 31	5 00 p. m.
S No. 36	7 30 a. m	A No. 11	3 15 p. m.
A No. 10	10 42 a. m.		

"A"—Daily Except Sunday. "D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.		LEAVE.	
No. 3 Pass	*4 00 a m	No. 2 Pass	†11 25 a m
" 1 Pass	†2 25 p m	" 4 Pass	*10 20 p m
" 7 Acc	†10 00 a m	" 8 Accom	‡4 00 a m

*Daily. †Except Sunday. ‡Run ends here.

Vandalia Line.

In effect Jan 17, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.

No. 7, Ex., Sun 11 42 a. m. For Peoria
No. 5, Ex., Sun 7 00 a. m. For Peoria

FOR THE EAST.

No. 20, Ex., Sun 8 00 a. m. For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex., Sun 3 25 p. m. For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings.

On Feb. 23, March 29, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter Tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal Winter resorts in the South and Southeast.

Improved Dining Car Service on the Wabash. Meals will now be served A la Carte on all dining cars on the Wabash line. This will be a great accommodation to passengers as it will enable them to select from the bill of fare just what they want and pay only for what they get.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

Springfield, Ill., account Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting, one and one third fare round trip. Tickets sold Feb. 22d to 26th, inclusive; good returning till 27th.

Washington, D. C., account Presidential Inauguration. One fare round trip. Tickets sold March 1st 2d and 3d, good returning not later than March 8th.

Lincoln, Neb., account Biennial Conference, Seventh Day Adventists. Tickets sold Feb 17, good returning only leaving Lincoln March 6th. One fare, plus $2 00 for round trip. Tickets are on sale at one and one third fare on certificate plan, on Feb 7th, 17th, 22d and March 1st.

Account Mardi Gras March 2d tickets will be sold to New Orleans or Mobile at $20 75 round trip. Tickets will be sold Feb 22d to 28th, inclusive, good returning till March 27th. For pamphlets giving full particulars of Mardi Gras call at city office.

The Wabash "California Flyer."

Quickest and best service to CALIFORNIA is now offered by the Wabash Railroad, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Vestibuled sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

FLORIDA
—AND—
Southern Winter Resorts.

With the inauguration of new train schedules, we are now able to give our patrons service to the South which is not equaled either in time or comfort by any other line.

The day train, which arrives at Evansville at 6:15 in the evening, makes direct connection with the Louisville & Nashville limited train for Nashville, Memphis, Montgomery and New Orleans, and also for Jacksonville, Fla., via Chattanooga, Tifton and Macon. This train carries Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars, Evansville to New Orleans, Guthrie to Memphis and Evansville to Chattanooga, Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.

This service enables the PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE RAILWAY to offer to its patrons a route to

Florida Twelve Hours Quicker

than via any other line, and to give its passengers every comfort en route.

For rates, time cards, maps and all information, inquire of any Agent or write direct to

A. G. PALMER, Gen. Pass. Agent, Evansville, Ind.
S. J. CASSETTY, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Peoria, Ill.
O. M. TICHENOR, Pass. Agt., Mattoon, Ill.
Jan 11-dtf

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of Mamie E. Dennis and all persons holding any claim or claims against said Mamie E. Dennis are hereby notified to present the same to him under oath or affirmation within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said assignor are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Dated February 10, 1897.
Feb 10-6w A. F. GEBHARD, Assignee.

VITALIS THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

VITALIS PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULTS. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emission, Evil Dreams, Wasting diseases and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and consumption. Cures when all others fail. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to Cure or Refund the Money. Circular Free. Address

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For Sale in Decatur by
Dr. A. J. Stoner & Son, Druggists

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The Best Values for the Money ever shown in Decatur.

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Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at

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FIT YOUR FEET

With a pair of our

New Spring Style Shoes

We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date Shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select.

We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

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We are authorized to announce JAMES O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce CHARLES M. CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BUNDY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F. EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce LANDY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

Deuz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

Irwin's vegetable pills cure billousness.

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-dtd

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

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Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Do you want any Cracker Meal? Call up Telephone 344.
11-d6 Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Go to W. C. Pluck, No. 109 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15-d6t

The best reporter in the city could not do justice to the country roads now. The mud is deep and rolls up on the wheels. The gravel roads are full of holes so that it is next to impossible to haul anything over them.

The revival at Grace Mission grows nightly in interest. The house is crowded at each service. Last night six professed conversion, and twenty-one persons, in addition, arose for prayers. Thus far fifty-six professions have been made.

There is an interesting revival meeting in progress at Blue Mound chapel. Large congregations are present at all the services. Several have professed conversion. The meetings will be continued over the Sabbath unless the roads become impassable. Rev. Danely is assisted by Rev. W. E. Knight of Elwin.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Creek next Sababth. The services will begin on Saturday night with a sermon by Rev. E. B. Randle, the presiding elder. He will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. A. M. Danely will go to Macon on Saturday to hold the quarterly meeting there. The quarterly conference will meet in the basement of Grace M. E. church in the city at 1 p. m. Saturday next.

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MACON COUNTY DELEGATES.

Selected by Judge Vail to Attend the Judicial Convention, Feb. 24.

The following is the list of delegates to the Republican judicial convention to be held at the court house in Decatur on Wednesday, Feb. 24. They were selected by Judge Vail who was authorized to do so by the Republican county central committee at a called meeting held recently. Delegates, W. N. Andrews, W. H. Bean, John B. Camp, J. M. Clokey, Frank S. Dodd, Charles M. Fletcher, John H. Goding, Ross Hockaday, Thomas N. Leavitt, Alex McIntosh, J. W. McClellan, Harry K. Midkiff, L. H. Martin, Thomas Miller, I. R. Mills, Charles H. Patterson, Frank C. Roby, Dr. E. H. Thomas, Charles N. Twadell, John Ullrich and J. J. H. Young.—total, 21. The chairman of the delegation is not named by Mr. Vail. That matter is left with the delegates who will doubtless meet in a few days and elect a chairman. The other counties in the district with the representation are given herewith: Vermilion county, 29 delegates; Champaign 23; Douglas, 9; Piatt, 9; Moultrie, 6; Coles 15; Edgar, 13, Clark, 10, making a total of 135, including the twenty-one from Macon county.

The candidates before the convention for nomination will be Judge Vail of Macon county; Judge Wright of Champaign; Judge Bookwalter of Vermillion, present incumbents, and Judge Dunn of Coles county. Sixty-eight votes will nominate in the convention. It is understood that Vail, Wright and Bookwalter will have more than a majority of the delegates in the convention.

Funeral.

Mr. Wm. H. Hopkins, who died at his residence near Long Creek on Monday morning, was taken to Blue Mound chapel on Tuesday where his funeral was preached by the pastor, Rev. A. M. Danely. The deceased formerly lived in that community where he is highly respected and all turned out to sympathize with his stricken family, who were all present at the funeral. The choir of the church rendered beautiful and appropriate songs and old friends tenderly bore his remains to the Brown cemetery near by for interment.

William H. Hopkins was born in Ross county, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1834; died Feb. 15, 1897. Aged, 62 years, 3 months and 29 days. He was married to Miss Ann Sagle of Sangamon county, Illinois, Jan. 13, 1859. To them were born nine children; Francis Victoria, Maria Jane, John B., Mary Hannah Emma, George Marion, Orville Evert, Thomas Weems, Arthur William and Lulu Cleo. He is survived by his wife and five children who are left to mourn his loss. He was converted at Blue Mound chapel in 1874, and becoming a member of the Blue Mound church afterwards removing to Long Creek M. E. church of which society he was a consistent member during the remainder of his life.

A Sick Veteran.

David Fisher, a veteran of the war, who served in the 33d Indiana regiment, arrived in Decatur yesterday from St. Louis where in a hospital he underwent a surgical operation for a troublesome tumor. He was on his way to Indianapolis, Ind. He was given attention and lodging last night and today he was furnished with transportation to Tuscola over the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western railway.

Matrimonial.

Married at his office on Feb. 16, by Judge Hammer, James W. Fulk of Oakley and Miss Carrie Erwin of Jasper county.

At the First M. E. church parsonage by Rev. D. F. Howe, Feb. 16, Ulysses S. Friend and Miss Anna Bailey, both of Decatur.

Repairing His Store Room.

W. F. Busher is making some repairs in the store room on East Main street formerly occupied by the Fair store. A new front is being put in and the interior will be refurnished. George W. Jones will move his clothing store to the new room when it is completed.

Cut His Fingers.

Samuel Montgomery, the foreman of the woodwork department of the Union Iron Works, met with an accident this morning. His hand was caught in some machinery and four fingers were badly cut. Dr. H. C. Jones gave the man surgical attention.

The Basket Ball Game.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team are practicing every evening for the game which they will play at the tabernacle with the Springfield club on the evening of Feb. 25. The players have been working hard and expect to make a good showing.

Funeral of Mrs. Leonard.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lina Leonard was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence at Harristown. The services were conducted by Rev. J. P. McKnight and the burial was at the Harristown cemetery.

Got a Prize.

Miss Lulu Bays and Fred Zeigler were the best waltzers at the ball at Chronister's hall last night, and they received a large bouquet of beautiful roses.

Remember that the advance sale of seats for the Brownies will begin tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at the opera house drug store.

Look at the ladies' $1.75 shoes in Powers' shoe store front window.—17-d3t

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TALK WITH HOPKINS

Comments of the Michigan Gentleman on the Telephone Topic.

IMPORTANT STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The Probabilities That New Men Will Control the Citizens' Mutual Plant—Need Two New Directors.

Today a Republican reporter at the St. Nicholas hotel had a talk with E. M. Hopkins, the gentleman who recently purchased the majority of the stock of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone company, and in response to an inquiry as to how telephone matters were and what his prospects were for controlling the meeting tomorrow evening, he said: "The matter is giving me no great concern. We have promises of sufficient help to elect two directors, but if by any means it should fail us we will adjourn the meeting for a few days and purchase sufficient stock to give us a two-thirds vote which would enable us to elect the two directors. Everybody seems to want to sell their stock. I have had offers this morning of stock enough to give me three-fourths or more of the stock. One thing the public may rest assured of, and that is that we shall control and very soon, the affairs of the company, and when the change does take place we shall immediately improve the service which is now practically worthless. I have yet to meet the first business man who is satisfied with the service. If things were to continue the way they are now within a year the whole plant would be worthless and without patrons enough for a corporal's guard. I, of course, shall not let my interests suffer in this way. The whole history of the company is one of mismanagement and incompetency and is now run in the interest of two or three individuals instead of for the benefit of the plant or the citizens. No regard for the law has been shown in running the company. Why, a year ago they elected at their annual meeting four directors when under no circumstances could they elect only two according to the statute. But this is only a sample. Just before the annual meeting in November the directors attempted to do a thing which any lawyer in the city will say is not only illegal but questionable, viz: to issue treasury stock to themselves sufficient to get enough stock to overcome mine. As you know I was obliged to get an injunction to protect my rights. By the way they recently filed an answer in the injunction case, not under oath, however, and substantially admit just what we charged and they also allege that I am here in the interests of the Bell Telephone company and that my purpose is to get possession and then wreck the company. They also say that I have tried to buy nine different telephone companies in this state. I want to say in answer to these that the statements are absolutely false without any foundation in fact and those making them know them to be false and dare not under any circumstances make them under oath. I will make this proposition if Hankins, Scovill, MacPherson or anyone of them will produce one scintilla of proof of their charges and put up any sum from $100 to $500 the same amount to be put up by me, I will agree to forfeit the same to any worthy charity of the city. I make this without reserve. Inasmuch as they have constantly misrepresented me to the people I want to say this, that I have lived in Michigan all my life, held many important public offices, have for several years until the middle of last November, been secretary of the Saginaw board of trade which position I resigned to became the attorney of some railroad interests, that I am now an attorney for the F. and P. M. railroad, president of the Saginaw Valley Medical college, secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Good Roads League and a director and officer in other corporations and associations. I make this statement to disabuse people's minds of some things the opposition have said. I want the public to understand that we are here for business, that we have no connection with the Bell people; that in no event will the plant be sold to opposition interests, that the money we have invested in the stock is our own, that we have not tried to buy an interest in one or nine oppositon companies in this state or any other state but on the contrary stand ready and willing to erect three or more opposition plants in good cities, the money for the same to be furnished by myself and friends. We bought the stock of the Citizens' Mutual Telephone company because we could get it for ten cents on a dollar and at such a price we believed with proper management we could make it pay a big dividend. It is my purpose to place Mr. J. O. Newberry in the management. Mr. Newberry is a young lawyer in my employ and is a cultured, courteous gentleman of excellent business ability. I shall also give the affairs of the company as much of my time as is necessary. Mr. Newberry will move his family to this city as soon as the change takes place."

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Frank L. Taylor and J. B. Moffett under the firm name of Taylor & Moffett, have opened an office in room 10, opera house block, for the transaction of a general law, insurance, real estate and collecting business. Mr. Taylor, who will attend to the insurance, real estate and collecting business of the firm, needs no introduction to the people of this city and county. He has been connected with the sheriff's office for five years past and in that capacity has been an accurate, daring, faithful and efficient officer. Everybody knows Frank. Mr. Moffett is a son of ex-Senator W. T. Moffett of Blue Mound township. Some thirteen years ago he read law in the office of Orr & Ewing. By the advice of Mr. Ewing he entered the Albany law school from which he graduated in 1884. He then went to Kansas where he continued in the practice for some six years, and then moved to the new territory of Oklahoma. He advanced rapidly in his profession there and took an active part in settling the many complicated legal questions constantly arising in the new country. He held the office of district attorney for Kingfisher county, Oklahoma, for two years last past and performed the duties with unsurpassed ability. He comes to us well recommended not only as a lawyer but as a man.

We bespeak for this firm a good share of the public patronage.

Robbed but Not Ruined.

It's a fact some one stole a lot of shoes from us last Sunday night. They were foolish, very foolish They didn't know how cheap we are selling them or they d have known it was cheaper to buy them Some times stealing 'em is cheaper than buying 'em, but not now. We move next week, and if you want any shoes you can get them cheaper this week than the fellow did who stole them.
—17-d&w1t Walter Hutchin.
955 North Water street.

Charles T. Shewell of St. Louis, representing the Anheuser-Busch brewing association, and special agent for the Malt-Nutrine department, is in the city calling upon the druggists with his splendid line of specialties. The company handles a blotter roller cut from natural stone. It absorbs all the fluid parts of the ink more rapildly and more thoroughly than any other blotting material. Under ordinary conditions it should last a life time.

Bread, Bread, Bread.

We are now making the finest and best bread in the city, notwithstanding the **Second Day Bread from St. Louis**, that is being sold by some grocers at 5c per loaf straight for 16 ounces. Our bread for sale at all grocery stores that handle bread, 3 16 ounce loaves for 10c, or 24 ounces for 5c, and fresh. Take your choice and be convinced.
17-d6 The Decatur Cracker Co.

Masonic.

Emergent communication of Lodge lodge, No. 313. A. F. and A. M., Thursday, Feb. 18, at 12 o'clock sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, W. B. Craycroft. Macon lodge, No. 8, and visiting brethren cordially inivted to attend. By order W. I. Lowry, W. M., J. S. McClelland, Sec.

The Concert.

The members of the Baptist Sabbath School orchestra deserve the highest credit for the very praiseworthy concert they gave at the church last night. They had a large and thoroughly appreciative audience present to enjoy the treat. Applause was frequent.

Notice.

All members of Co. No 36, U. R. K. of P. are requested to appear at their armory this evening at 7:30 in full dress uniform to act as a reception committee for our entertainment. By order of A. T. Grist, S. K. commander, F. O. Damrow, S. K. recorder.

Death at Oakley.

Harlow Walker, aged 29 years, died Monday evening at his home in Oakley township. He leaves a wife and infant child. The funeral was held from the residence at 10 a. m. to-day.

The Boston Vaudeville and Vitascope company gave an entertaining show at the Grand last night at 10, 20 and 30 cents. Performance again tonight. Change of acts and pictures.

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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A SPANISH STORY.

Report that Gomez is Returning East and is in Danger of Capture—Cubans Laugh at It.

TANNER MAKES MORE APPOINTMENTS

Penitentiary and Labor Commissioners Named—Democratic Caucus Decides Not to Make Bill to Borrow Money Party Issue.

Havana, Feb. 18.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—If the official reports are correct the insurgent army under Gomez has been divided into small corps and Gomez himself is in full retreat. It is said he, with 4000 men, has recrossed the military line into Puerto Principe going eastward. Garcie, Gomez's second in command, was last reported in the vicinity of Puerto Principe is retreating towards the same point as Gomez. Weyler arrived at Sancti Spiritus near the Santa Clara and Puerto Principe boundary, where the insurgent headquarters was recently located. He expects to trap Gomez between the wings of the Spanish column and force a decisive engagement before the rains put an end to military operations. The Cuban believes, however, that Gomez, as usual, will slip through his cordon.

Tanner Makes Additional Appointments

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—At a caucus of Democratic members of the house this morning it was decided, 16 to 36, not to make the bill authorizing the state to borrow a quarter of a million for current expenses a party issue.

The governor sent to the senate this morning the following appointees: Board of commissioners for the Joliet penitentiary, J. H. Price, Kewanee; H. H. Green, Bloomington; Thomas O'Shaughnessie, Chicago. Members of the board of commissons of labor: P. H. Donnelly, Springfield; James Alexander, Murphysboro, and Andrew Yaeger, Alton; T. D. Kelliger, Pana; S. M. Dalzell, Spring Valley. Members of the board of managers of the Pontiac reform school: S. McMillan, Chicago; Wm. Jackson, Rock Island. The senate immediately went into executive session and confirmed the appointments.

Bills were introduced: Appropriating $400,000 for the completion of the insane hospital at Rock Island; prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age. Appropriating $100,000 for the completion of the Woman's Relief Corps home at Wilmington. Adjourned.

The Republican members of the senate in caucus decided to adjourn from Feb. 26 to March 9 to permit members to attend the inauguration of McKinley.

The House.

In the house the following bills were introduced: To fix the rate charged for berths in sleeping cars materally reducing those in vogue. Also one declaring that express companies are common carriers and placing them under the control of the railroad and warehouse commission.

Long heated discussion resulted when Revell's bill for repeal of the libel law came up on third reading. At its conclusion the roll was called and the bill was defeated by a vote of 62 to 66. The Speaker overruled a motion to strike out the emergency clause with the view of securing a vote on the bill without the emergency clause and he held as the bill had failed to receive a majority vote it was killed and the motion to strike out the emergency clause was not in order. Adjourned.

GOV. TANNER'S GORGEOUS STAFF

Magnificent Apparel Which Will be Displayed at the Inauguration.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Governor Tanner and his military staff are preparing to astonish Washington on March 4. These gentlemen from Illinois have laid themselves out to dazzle the effete east with their brilliancy, and nothing will stop them. They haven't had much time to get ready, but they have been keeping tailors and hat-makers and twisters of gold braid busy night and day. And now the members of the staff know how they will look, both afoot and on horseback, and they know also what they have to show for the $400 each which they have had to pay, for that is the sum required to get a member of the staff ready for presentation the morning of inauguration day. Each of the twenty-two members of the staff will be provided with everything that goes to make up the pomp and circumstances of a war uniform. He will have a pair of trousers that few common men feel rich enough even to think about. The trousers will be of the finest doeskin, with cassimere finishings, and will fit in a manner to strike envy into